

# Animal Crackers



## Rare Breeds

**T**he Greater Swiss Mountain Dog ("Grosser Schweizer Sennenhund") will be eligible to compete in the Miscellaneous Class at AKC dog shows, obedience trials, and tracking tests as of October 1, 1985. This dog is believed to be a descendant of Mastiff-type dogs brought by the Romans during their invasion of Helvetia. For centuries this was the most common working breed in Switzerland. His willingness to work made him a companion for the Alpine herdsman, and he was called upon to perform many farm chores in addition to herding and guarding. At one time, he probably was the best-known draft dog in the world. As industrialization took over, the need for his services diminished, and the breed nearly vanished. In the early 1900s, concentrated efforts by Swiss breeders "rescued" this Alpine herding dog. The first Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs were imported into the United States in 1968.

Dogs competing in the Miscellaneous Class at AKC shows do not receive championship points, and they must have an ILP number before competing in AKC events.

Other breeds presently eligible for the Miscel-



laneous Class are Australian Kelpies, Border Collies, Cavalier King Charles Spaniels, Finnish Spitz, Miniature Bull Terriers, and Spinoni Italiani. After February 1, 1986, Chinese Cresteds will be eligible.

The United Kennel Club has opened its registry to Chinese Shar-Pei. This breed has existed for centuries but its survival was threatened in the 1940s when keeping dogs was forbidden, since it was a sign of the leisure class. Most dogs of all breeds in China were destroyed. A few Shar-Pei were smuggled into Hong Kong, and in the 1970s the breed became established in the United States. The breed has very loose skin with profuse wrinkles, especially on puppies. The dogs also may be registered with the Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America, Inc., which maintains a registry and stud book. This Club has over 40 affiliated regional clubs and is working for AKC recognition. This requires a viable national club which maintains a registry and stud book and promotes the breed through match shows and obedience trials. At the present time, the Chinese Shar-Pei is not recognized by AKC.

## Teeth

Canine dentistry is receiving much publicity of late. Dog show judges are expected to know how to count teeth, especially in those breeds (Doberman Pinschers and Rottweilers) where missing teeth are a disqualifying fault.

A puppy has twenty-eight teeth (twelve incisors, four canines and twelve premolars). From about three months up to about six months, these "milk teeth" are gradually replaced by a full set of forty-two permanent teeth. The lower jaw has six incisors, two canines, eight premolars and six molars. The upper jaw is the same except that there are only four molars.



At about six months of age, it is important to check the mouth and be sure the puppy teeth have been shed. It might be necessary to remove them to prevent incorrect placement of the permanent teeth.

Regular brushing of the teeth is recommended to prevent accumulation of tartar and subsequent gum disease.

All breeds should have the same number of teeth. In breeds with long faces, there may be

## Animal Health Technician Program

Harcum Junior College's Animal Health Technician Program hosted a dinner for the University of Pennsylvania faculty and staff who train Harcum's animal health technician nurses. During the dinner, Dr. Norma Furst, president of the College, announced that Dr. Nadine Hackman (V'80) was appointed director of the Animal Health Technician Program.



Left to right: Dr. Leonard Krawitz (V'39), Advisory Board member; Dr. Fred Petrone, Harcum Junior College, Dean of Instruction; Mr. Barry Stupine, Veterinary Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania Business Manager; and Dr. Nadine Hackman (V'80), Director of Animal Health Technician Program.



Left to right: University of Pennsylvania staff nurses Karen Biesinger; Carol Eisenlohr; Nina Sobel; Carole Contel, Small Animal Practicum Coordinator; Doona Oakley; Sharon Swift; Ellen Trost.

## Sixteenth Annual Symposium

Our Sixteenth Annual Symposium, *Your Veterinarian and Your Dog*, will be held on Saturday, January 25, 1986, at the Veterinary Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (VHUP), 3850 Spruce St., Philadelphia, PA.

A Veterinarian's Observations on the Airline Transport of Dogs will be the topic of our visiting speaker, Walter M. Woolf, V.M.D., Practitioner and Secretary of Air Animal, Inc., Tampa, FL.

Update on Blood Diseases will be discussed by W. Jean Dodds, D.V.M., Adjunct Associate Professor of Medicine (Hematology); Chief, Laboratory of Hematology, New York State Department of Health, Albany.

National Brands, Generics and Specialty Dog Foods will be the topic of David S. Kronfeld, Ph.D., D.Sc., M.V.Sc., M.R.C.V.S., Elizabeth and William Whitney Clark Professor of Nutrition; Acting Chairman, Department of Clinical Studies (New Bolton Center).

Commonly Encountered Skin Problems in Dogs will be discussed by Robert M.

Schwartzman, V.M.D., M.P.H., Ph.D., Professor of Dermatology and Chief, Section of Dermatology.

The program will begin at 9:30 a.m. with adjournment scheduled for 4:00 p.m. There will be a question-and-answer session after each presentation. Questions may be submitted in advance. The cost, including lunch and parking, is \$25. Attendance is limited to 200.

For further information and reservation forms, contact M. Josephine Deubler, V.M.D., 3850 Spruce St., Philadelphia, PA 19104-6010. Telephone 215-898-8862.