

Without a doubt, Jimmy is the smartest Border collie in the world. The most troublesome, but certainly the smartest. A few weeks ago we went through our semi-annual wor-

ming and inoculating (the animals, that is). My vet hates to hear my voice, I'm sure,-

"I need four horse worm pills, two sheep worm pills, four cat pills, two dog pills", etc. etc.

We do the same counting up the rabies shots and decide the rabbits and chickens probably don't need shots this time. One of these vets usually arrives with a whole slew of stuff,

a list and a harassed look. "I hope I haven't forgotten anything."

Undignified indignant cats

Everything went quite smoothly this year with minimal objection from the horses about their shots. One of the cats removed several pieces of skin from my body but nothing out of the ordinary happened. Actually, the cats took their worm pills much better than

usual (surprised heck out of me.) The usual procedure is to wrap the cat in a large towel, (after we've located it under the furnace) and a deathlike struggle with those tiny needle After worming the cats, I had no qualms about the dogs.

Jane, the old dog, will cat anything if you tell her it's a cookie. Down it goes and a puzzled expression suffuses her dumb face but she opens her mouth for the next pill, hoping this one will be the cookie.

Four pills later, she still hasn't caught on-and she never has, in 12 years of bi-yearly pilling.

However, I hadn't reckoned on Jimmy-that super-genius pup. Like all intelligent people he's apt to be difficult and wilful at times. But he's very amenable if you take time out to explain things to him.

Oh, oh, Canine esp

After carefully wrapping his pills in gooey bits of tasty bread when he wasn't watching, I called him and told him I had a treat for him.

He wagged his tail, sitting politely.

The first piece was taken in the mouth by the lips and he immediately become suspicious. I know he read my mind because the capsules are odorless and tasteless.

Carefully shredding the bread away from the pill with curled lips, he ate the bread and laid the capsule solemnly on the floor in front of me, stalking away with a disappointed

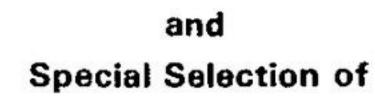
Any further attempts at getting his pills into him produced a 'don't push me any further or I'll be forced to snap' attitude. He was clarly disgusted with me. . So we wated till supper.

While he was outside, I made Jim's dinner, hiding the capsules in lumps of meat as well as any spy hides microfilm.

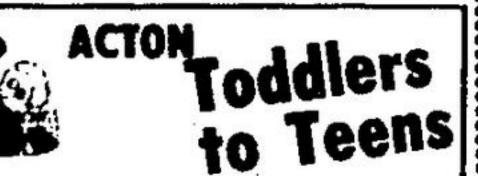
Jim was called in for supper and he roared in like the enthusiastic pup he is. Carefully monitoring my thoughts, I went to watch television.

Several minutes later I casually walked into the kitchen to find Jim mincing his meal with upturned lips again, eating slowly around the pills with the same suspicion he gives a brussels sprout. What do you do now?





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Over the past few years there have been many changes in Acton-changes in its government, changes in its people with the increase of commuter residents, changes in its schools and their organization, and significant changes in its businessestheir appearance, their numbers and their interest in Acton as a community.

The Chamber of Commerce has made an attempt to keep pace with all these changes in the life of Acton by providing a voice for the communityits businesses, industries and

In line with this goal the

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sidents' support of Acton businesses. This survey was conducted and and supervised by staff and students at Acton District High School, providing a concrete opportunity for the school and its students to work within and for the community. The final

determine the amount of re-

report on this survey will be available by the end of the As an active member of the

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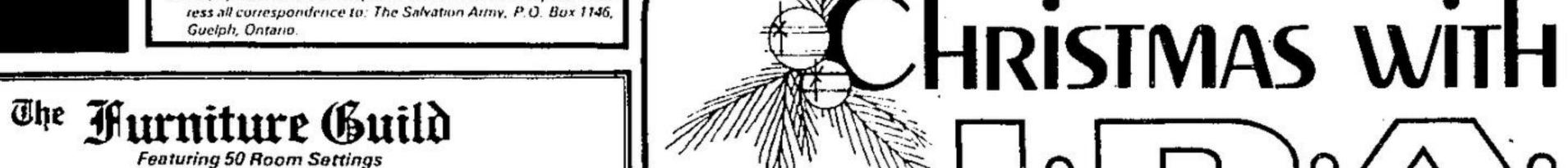
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