

The History of the Dog

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The Poodle
Although the time of its introduction into France and England is unknown, it is believed that the Poodle was originally a German breed. According to some authorities this introduction took place at about the beginning of the nineteenth century during the continental wars, though this seems hardly probable. It is quite possible that a fresh introduction took place at this time, however. The dog that was used by the British sportsmen of that time, and which was called the poodle, was a crossbreed that it finally became extinct except for an occasional specimen here and there. However, the breed is shown again in the curly hair and general build of the small water spaniel of Bewick and

Taplin, and in the English water spaniel of a little later date. It is claimed that in France the breed was kept absolutely pure, and that in the sport of shooting duck, known as the "caniche" or "chien canne," or as a "barbet," a very small poodle played an instrumental part. The coat of the poodle commences in a woolly condition and gradually grows, twisting itself up into cords, the newer hair clinging and twisting around the cords, which constantly increase in length, finally forming ropes. To prevent the cords from becoming tangled and soiled, since the coat becomes very offensive when neglected, they are often cut back and thus kept in control. If

not cut back, the cords may become several inches longer than the height of the body, making movement on the part of the animal exceedingly uncomfortable. When the poodle is about four or five months of age his coat should be clipped in order to keep the hair in control. After several clippings have taken place the dog is ready for the final finishing process, the shaving. This hardens the skin and makes the shaving process almost completely painless, for this latter must be done about every two months in order that the hair will not become too long for the razor. Naturally, as in everything, the shaving and clipping of the poodle is a matter of personal opinion, and certain styles and fads have gained the favor of some people while others prefer different fashions. In France usually the greater part of the body and hind quarters were clipped, while English Poodles were recommended that the coat should be left on the body as far as the last rib and that the hind quarters should be more or less covered. Invariably, rings of hair are left above

and below the hocks, while the tail is shaved except for a bunch of hair at the end which is often trimmed to represent a "puff-ball." The feet and muzzle are kept free from hair at all times. By 1876 there were only two poodles registered in the Kennel Club Stud Book, and the largest entry in the next eight years only swelled the list to ten, though by 1896 the breed had attained a little more popularity when thirty-three dogs were entered. A surprising thing to note was the number registered in 1908, a total of 153 which dropped down to nineteen in the year 1925. The poodle never has been a very popular breed, and there is some indication that it might die completely and become extinct unless new interest is shown within the next few years. Taking the average, the male of the species stands about 21 inches high at the shoulder and weighs in the neighborhood of 60 pounds.

Household Hints

To remove the skin from tomatoes, dip them in cold water, put them on a long fork and hold them over a lighted gas jet, turning until all parts have been touched by the flame. The skin should slip right off.

When making waffles some cooks like to add a teaspoonful of lemon juice to the batter. This gives a special flavor that many people feel keeps waffles from being too much of a mushiness! The lemon juice also lightens the waffles.

One-fourth cup of bread crumbs and two tablespoons of water added to each pound of meat when preparing hamburger steak makes a much lighter mixture. For seasoning, use one teaspoon salt, one-quarter teaspoon pepper and one-half teaspoon onion juice to each pound of meat.

The new vogue for salad dressing is "contrast," and you'll find it

in both taste and texture with this banana peanut butter mayonnaise: Combine 1 ripe banana, mashed with 1/4 cup mayonnaise and 3 tablespoons peanut butter. If too thick, thin with a little thin cream. Makes about 1 1/4 cups.

To keep poaching eggs from sticking to the pan put a long handled spoon into the water and hold the egg on it for a moment.

Always keep flour in a warm, dry place. Damp flour will never make light cakes and pies.

To clean a bread board, soak five minutes in cold water, scrub well with hot water and soap suds. Dry in sun.

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The treasure hunt will begin the 12th of June and will last throughout the summer months until the school begins in September.

Some books added to the children's collection:

For the younger ones—
Atkinson—Blinky—the adventures of a ringtail.
Baruch—Bobby goes riding—present day, a simple story of transportation.
Burgois—Beachcomber Bobbie—a little boy's delightful and interesting vacation at the seashore.
Bronson—Waterpeople—interesting stories of all kinds of strange creatures living in the water. Delightful and amusing drawings by the author.
Gall—Flat tail—authentic story of a beaver.
Kunkardt—Little ones—charming stories of baby animals told in delightful prose poetry.
Lenaki—Gooseberry garden—daily life of the Gooseberry family.
Pryor—The paper book—a photographic picture book showing the procedure in paper making.
Sayers—Blue bonnets for Lucinda—the story of a little girl in Texas, when the blue bonnets bloomed.
Wodell—Beginning to garden—simple, interesting instruction in how to plan a little garden for pleasure and profit.
For the middle and older years—
Banks—The seven wonders of the ancient world—interestingly and correctly told by the field director of the recent Babylonian Expedition of the University of Chicago.
Beckdolt—Modern handy book for boys—a wealth of diversified material for boys of all ages.
Chapman—Marsh Island mystery—a boy's story from the Tennessee Mountains. Action, mystery—suspense and humor.
Geijerstam—My boys—two little Swedish boys at the seashore. A holiday book for big and little, and long a Swedish classic.
Hansen—A Norwegian family—a continuation of the delightful and true "Norwegian Farm."
Morgan—An aquarium book for boys and girls—how to make your aquarium a comfortable home for its inhabitants.
Peck—Wings Over Holland—Everyday life and happenings in present-day Holland.
Sickels—In calico and crinoline—True stories of American women during the period 1608-1865.
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