THE BOSTON TERRIER



YOUR DOG AND MINE

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After having owned a Boston Terrier for even a short time, one wonders how one could ever have been satisfied with any other canine champion. For the little fellow seems to fill every requirement. He is active, lively, intelligent, and as game as they are made therefore a good dog for boy or man. Again he is smart-looking, small enough to be readily handled, and very affectionate. Always ready for a romp, tireless, good-tempered, and wise, he is a splendid pet for children. Fearless and alert, with a strong sense of responsibility, he makes an excellent watch dog. Finally, although intended for an outdoor life, many of his kind are today perfectly happy in city apartments, as long as the well beloved master or mistress is there. Hardy, game, intelligent, affectionate, faithful and adaptable how could one ask more of a dog?

As puppies, Boston's are as playful as kittens and quite as beguiling. From the moment that they can stand on their little legs, they begin to show that they are terriers. Such rows-such rough and tumble fighting such pretending that the other fellow is a rat and must be thoroughly worried and shaken. At two months old they are such busy little things; their lives so full of earnest purpose. Such digging with tiny paws for possible moles, such mad chasing after nothing in particular, such searching for buried bones. They are easy to rear, easy to train, and sa easy to live.

Among grown dogs, no breed surpasses the Boston for reasoning intelligence; upon this it is difficult to speak moderately. With due patience there is nothing a Boston cannot be taught, whether it be the whole box of tricks, or merely a careful regard for the rights of others and a proper sense of the duties of a citizen. While as for the things that are self-taught or 'come natural' here, too, it is hard set the limit. For example, if one points to a crumb on the floor or to something out of doors, the Boston the fingertip he looks at the indicated object. Again every dog knows that a screen door, if the latch is old and a little loose, may be opened from the inside by a good push when one wants to go out; it takes some real thinking to discover that, if the door is smartly rapped with the nose, from the outside, it will spring open just enough for a quick paw to slip through and pull it wide.

The Boston is the most enthusiastic of motorists, always ready for a trip to market or a tour to California, as the case may be. He is rarely content with the rear, usually preferring the front seat where he can have a paw in the steering, or a place where he can hang over the right hand door, like an engineer from his cab, to make sure the road ahead is clear of such unauthorized travelers as cats and squirrels.

Although he can, if necessary, give an excellent account, he is by nature quarrelsome with other dogs. He resents only the unchaperoned intruder. Here, too, there is marked evidence of a clannishness suggestive of the snob. Half a dozen visiting Boston's, if introduced with proper ceremony will be quite cordially received. But let a fox terrier, or a Great Dane, or, in fact, any dog that is not 'one of us,' be added to the group, and there is an immediate turning of the cold shoulder which is very apt to be followed by a rising of half and a general grumble of protest. In this, as in many other characteristics, the cairn displays his human qualities. This perhaps explains why it is only with his 'family' that he is really happy. No matter how wide the acres upon which he lives, he will linger about the door-step for hours.

Now that the breed has become, rather more widely known in America, people have almost ceased to ask, 'What is that funny, clever looking little dog?' Instead, the questions are: 'What are the points of a Boston?' It is partly in the attempt to answer some of these questions that the present article has been written as well as in the hope that it may be of some little help to those who want to acquire the right kind. Also, since even among those who are called upon to judge Bostons in the show ring there seem to be differences of opinion, the effort has been made to be quite explicit, even technical, at times.

KENNEDYVILLE

Mr. Richard Haggerty and Mr. Gerald Myers and wife spent Saturday in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Jester and Mr. and Mrs. Dawson, of Wilmington, spent the Thanksgiving holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Ford.

Mrs. Mollie Miller spent Thanksgiving day with Mr. Charles Miller and family.

Mrs. James Archibald is spending some time at the home of her friend, Mrs. Rosie Bratton, Milford, Del.

Mr. William Irving has gone to Wilmington to spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Price, of Middletown, spent Sunday at the home of their sisters, the Misses Scottens.

Mr. and Mrs. William Crow and son, Mr. and Mrs. William Jewel and Virginia Primrose spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. William Crow, near Chestertown.

Miss Maude Archibald, of Chestertown, visited friends here on Sunday.

Mr. Robert Young and wife spent Thursday with her sister, Mrs. Ireland near Chestertown.

Mrs. Lula Dukes and son, John, spent Sunday with Bruce Dukes and wife.

Mrs. Charles Miller and Marie Miller, Mrs. Clarence Kelly and Mrs. Bruce Dukes spent Friday in Baltimore.

Mr. William Anthony and wife, of Millington, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Warner Garey.

Mr. John Glenn and wife and Mr. Milton Glen and wife, of Rock Hall, visited Mr. and Mrs. George Glenn.

Miss Elisabeth Starkey, of Chestertown, spent the week end with Mrs. James Kirby.

Mrs. Judson White has returned from a visit with her brother, Dr. William Urie and wife, near Wilmington, Del.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Willis entertained their granddaughters the Misses Hague, of near Fairlee over the week end.

Mr. James Fogwell left on Tuesday for Norfork, Va., where he has joined the Navy.

Mr. Hartley Weer and family were Sunday visitors at the home of James Weer and family.

Miss Sue H. Johnston returned to Washington, D. C., on Saturday.

Mr. William Ivy and family returned to Washington after spending Thanksgiving at the home of Harry Johnston.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleve A. Tucker, of Washington, are visiting at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. James Weer.

Wolf are glad to report Mrs. Pearl Walls improving and we are looking forward to her return home soon.

Services in Grace Presbyterian church on Sunday evening at 7.30, everyone invited.

Mrs. Rice is spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. Robert Van Dyke and family.

Mr. Ray King and family spent Thanksgiving at the home of Homer King and family.

Rev. Haddaway returned home on Sunday very much improved.

The teachers and officers of the M. P. Sunday School met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnston on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. William Hopkins, Sr., has been quite sick is much improved at this writing.

The Women's Club took their play to Rock Hall Monday evening.

Mrs. Minta Weer returned to her home in Baltimore on Sunday after spending some time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Weer.

Mr. Robert Kennedy and wife spent Thanksgiving with Robert Kennedy in Cecilton.

Fire destroyed the barn and this falls crop of corn on the farm of Mr. Walter Myers.

Miss Katherine Atwell, Miss Mildred Copper and Miss Alice Kennedy of the M. P. Church and Edward Weer and Harry Money, of Grace Presbyterian Church were appointed delegates to the Young Peoples Convention at Galena on Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Robert Kennedy returned from a pleasant visit with her son, Robert and family at Cecilton, Md.

GALENA

Mr. and Mrs. Irving W. Spry, Miss Virginia Spry, Robert and Irving Spry, Mrs. osephine Davis, Mr. and Mrs. James D. Davis and Miss Clara Virginia Davis visited Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Craddock and family at Prospect Park during Thanksgiving holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shaeffer and children, of Westfield, New Jersey, were guests several days last week with Mrs. Schaffer's mother, Mrs. Edmond Hurtt, near town.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, of Fall River, Mass., and Miss Mary Carroll Smith, of New York, enjoyed Thanksgiving holidays with their mother, Mrs. Sara Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Vane, of near town enjoyed a few days last week in Wilmington.

Mr. Daniel Mullen, of Verona, N. J., as the guest of his father, John Mullen, last week at their home near town.

Mr. and Mrs. George C. Johnston and Mrs. Kate Hyland were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Price in Chestertown.

Miss Mildred Merchant, of Mont Rose School for girls, near Baltimore, and Miss Reba Moffett, of Golt, visited the former's mother, Mrs. Josephine Merchant several days last week.

Miss Kitty Cochran returned home on Thursday after an appendicitis operation in St. Frances Hospital, Wilmington.

Miss Margaret Ericsson, of Baltimore, was the guest this week of Miss Julia Cruikshank, near town.

Mr. and Mrs. Josephine Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fogwell and family, were Dinner guests on Thanksgiving Day of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Jarrell, near Hockessin.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Smith, of Wilmington, visited Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dempsey on Sunday.

Dr. and Mrs. Glen Zeiders, of Baltimore, enjoyed the week end with Mrs. Zeider's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Edward A. Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. William B. Towler moved last week into their new home recently purchased from Merritt Ford.

The Ladies Aid Society was entertained at their regular December meeting at the home of Mrs. Harry A. Bolton on Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George Jones, Jr., entertained Mrs. Jones' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burris, of Smyrna on Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Hungerford, of Sharptown, and William Pennington, of Baltimore, visited Mrs. Elizabeth Walmsley, at Georgetown over the holidays.

Mrs. Thomas Caldwell, of near Cecilton, entertained on Thanksgiving Day Mr. Frank Bottomley and daughter, Mrs. John Smith, of Millington, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Dempsey and daughter.

Mr. Isaac Hunn, of near Marshallton, visited old friends several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Davis moved last week from the Hyland house into the Deshane house.

Mr. Edward Harris, of Philadelphia, spent Thanksgiving Day with his mother, near town.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson enjoyed several days last week in Philadelphia with their son.

SHORE COMMISSIONERS WANT ROAD CONTROL

KENT COUNTY ALONE FAVORS PRESENT SYSTEM

EASTERN AND WESTERN SHORE GROUPS TO MEET NEXT WEEK

At the Eastern Shore County Commissioners Association meeting at Easton on Monday of this week the two principal topics of discussion were the present system of assessing property and the system of maintaining county dirt roads.

Practically the entire morning session was taken up with a discussion of the proper method of assessing property.

Under the present system a Supervisor of Assessment is appointed for each county by the State Tax Commission from a list of five names recommended by the County Commissioners. This official's duties are to review the assessments and may appeal the assessments made by the Co. Commissioners if they appear too high or low. Most of the counties on the Shore favored a change in the present system whereby they will appoint the Supervisor of Assessments for their respective counties.

At the afternoon session the question of maintenance of the county dirt roads system was the principal topic of discussion. All of the counties represented, with the exception of Kent County, favored a plan whereby the State Roads Commission would turn over to the County Commissioners their proportionate share of the State gasoline tax that is alloted for this purpose, and the said County Commissioners would direct the expenditure of the fund and direct the maintenance of the roads.

Kent County alone stood out as against this proposed plan and favored the present system of the State Roads Commission directing and paying for the mainteance of county roads. The Kent delegation based their approval of the present system on the fact that the county road system has been maintained in a satisfactory manner during the past two years and has brought about a large reduction in the county tax rate.

The retiring and new board of Commissioners attended the meeting as follows, Messrs. Charles D. Wood, Samuel C. Loller, G. Ellsorth Leary, Andrew W Wilson. The newly elected Legislators, Messrs. Roy Strong and Wilbur R. Hubbard also attended the meeting.

At the request of the Western Shore County Commissioners a joint meeting will be held with the Eastern Shore Commissioners next week at which time these two topics will be further discussed.

MILLINGTON

Mr. and Mrs. John Adkin, of Pitman, N. J., spent last Sunday with her brother and sister in law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Jones.

Mrs. Annie Lyons and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Lyons, of Wilmington, Del., visited Mrs. Annie Poore on Thanksgiving day.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bristow and two children, of Chesapeake City, visited her sister, Mrs. William Voshell on Thursday of last week.

The monthly business and social was held on Friday evening of this week with Miss Helen Vansant.

meeting of Trinity Epworth League

Miss Anna Jones, of Hyattsville, Md., Miss Emma Jones, of Catonsville, Md., and Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Martin and little daughter, Barbara, of Wilmington, Del., were guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Jones.

Mrs. Noah Walker spent a couple of days this week with her sister, Mrs. John Brice, of Baltimore, and while there attended the funeral of her uncle, Mr. John West.

Miss Mary Wilson who was operated upon at the University Hospital Baltimore, five weeks ago Thursday returned home last Sunday much improved.

The Faithful Workers Sunday School Class of Asbury M. E. Church held its monthly meeting last Monday evening at the home of Miss Helen Vansant.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Godwin, of Philadelphia, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Godwin, near town, on Thanksgiving day.

The monthly meeting of the Womans Home Missionary Society of Asbury M. E. Church was held last Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Ben Stevens near town.

Mr. William Vansant, of Elkton, has rented an apartment in the Ahern Building Corner Cypress and Sassafras streets and moved into the same last Monday.

Mr. Fred C. Numbers and daughter, Miss Helen were guests of relatives in Philadelphia last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Noland Robinson and Mrs. Horace Shahan spent last Saturday in Wilmington, Del.

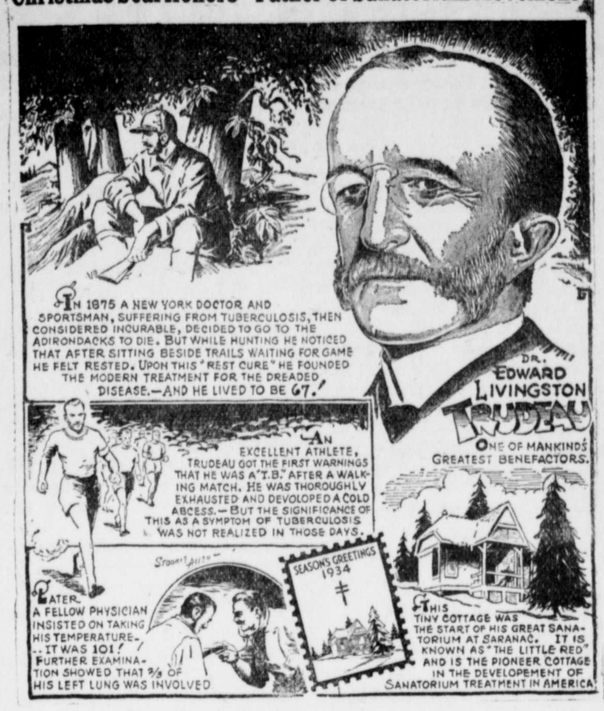
Mr. and Mrs. John McLane, of Baltimore, and Miss Florence Gale, of Blue Ridge College, New Windsor, Md., were guests last week of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Leo Gale.

Mr. William E. Pippin, of Charlotte Hall Academy, Charlotte Hall, Md., as the guest of his grand mother, Mrs. Margaret L. Hurlock last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Strong and daughter, Miss Charlotte, of Rock Hall, visited his brother in law and sister, Dr. and Mrs. Merritt Brice last week.

Miss Pauline Comegys, of Westminster, Miss Mabel Comegys, of Annapolis, and Mr. Ringgold Hall Academy, Charlotte Hall, Md., were visitors of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Comegys during the Thanksgiving holidays.

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