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Kennel Notes.

The Invercargill Kennel Club have been
very busy distributing their show
schedules.

Any fancier overlooked should com-
municate with Mr J. E. Lea, secretary,
Box 337, Invercargill, who will be only
too pleased to attend to requirements.

The schedule is a very good effort for a
young club. All breeds have been catered
for. In the most popular breeds medals
have been donated.

Special prizes, totalling forty have been
allotted and amongst them is a £3 3s
special for best dog in show, any breed,
accompanied by a cabinet photo donated
by Mr Wootton. Runner-up receives £2
2s.

A feature of the coming show will be
the matter of feeding, which will be done
by specialists of the various breeds. The
old idea of having only one man for the
whole show is fast losing favour.

Breeders are now very keen and a judge
of all breeds requires to be a long way
above the average to hold his own with
the man who specialises in one breed or
two at the outside.

A Dunedin fancier writes congratulating
the Invercargill Kennel Club on their
system of judging.

A good entry is promised from Dunedin.
Christchurch has said nothing so far.

Critchfield and Porteous have secured
that beautiful smooth fox terrier bitch,
"Northland Naomi," from Messrs Wood-
ford and Wilson, of Wellington.

She is very well bred, being by Ch.
Maidstone Showman—Ch. Goodstuff.
"Naomi" has been quite a success on the
show bench, having won three firsts at
Dannevirke and special for best puppy, any
sex. At Wellington dog parade she won
first and special for best puppy and was
also runner-up to Champion Goodstuff for
best terrier in show.

We congratulate these young fanciers on
their recent purchase and hope to see them
well in it when they toe the carpet.

POINTS IN PUPPY PRODUCTION.

FACTS ON FEEDING FOR BONE AND BUILD.

(By Will Hally.)

Concluded.

Puppies vary in aggressiveness and some
remain unknown babies, while their
brother or sister determinedly seeks to see
what the world is like outside the box.
The box, by the way, is usually a rather
"musical" box until the musicians' eyes
are open. As three weeks approach, every
puppy should be taught to take an in-
terest in food, and by three weeks or a
day or two later, they should be lapping.
By this method any abrupt change from
the maternal to the everyday nourishment
is avoided, and by feeding the puppies
thus there is no overtaxing of the mother's
milk supply, with the result that it
never becomes the watery, innutritious,
and often harmful mixture which it does
if it alone is the family nourishment until
the puppies are weaned. Lactol, Pupplac,
and Virol are the three standbys from the
third to the fourth week, and never later
than the twenty-first day the puppies get
one of those liquids and a little Virol—
the latter is an acquired taste, as a rule—
smear on their noses, and inside their
mouths. A day or two later they will
lap their liquor with a little Virol in it.
At four weeks they go on to oat flour,
and a teaspoonful of scraped raw meat
is given once a day. As they approach
five weeks the youngsters get the first
taste of puppy biscuit, well soaked with
boiling water, squeezed as dry as pos-
sible, and mixed with a little raw meat
or well-boiled fish. At five weeks the
puppies are having four or five meals a
day, with Virol as an addition to two of
them, and they can now do without their
mother most of the day. She is with

them at night until they are over five
weeks, but between that and six weeks
she is only beside them an hour at night,
and the same time in the morning. At
six weeks they are entirely on their own.

And then, except as mere drinks, the
liquids are drastically reduced, and four
of the six meals are solids. By this time
I am working in a small quantity of bone-
meal—say a salt-spoonful—to each puppy
twice a day. This quantity, just as with
Virol, is gradually increased, but both
bone meal and Virol must be given in
reason, and according to the health of
the puppy and the state of its bowels.
Bone-meal as well as being a bone-former,
is a splendid safeguard against diarrhoea,
but too much of it is indigestible, and it
will then actually cause that ailment.
From about six to twelve weeks the pup-
pies have two meals of oat flour and Lac-
tol or Pupplac, and four of the puppy
biscuit, mixed half and-half with either
well-boiled sheep's head, or sheep's paunch
treated in the same way, or well-boiled
fish. What a puppy requires in the way
of amount at each meal must be regulated
according to the individual, but at nine
weeks the quantity at each meal for a
Chow puppy should be about half a tea-
cupful. At twelve weeks the meals can
be reduced to four a day, and at that
age a teaspoonful of Virol and a teaspoon-
ful of bone meal can be given twice a
day.

Each puppy should have a separate feed-
ing dish, and after each morning meal
of oat flour I give a dry puppy biscuit,
broken up into pieces easily got hold of.
This greatly aids dentition and digestion,
and teaches the young idea to eat dry
biscuits. At eleven or twelve weeks the
puppy can go from puppy biscuits to
Weetmeal. But "little and often" should
be the menu in all puppy dietary. A
heavily filled stomach weighs too heavily
on legs that are more gristle than
real bone. As a further aid to legs and
feet, and to strong pasterns, there is no-
thing more beneficial than letting the
puppy exercise on gravel.

Warmth in youth is a great incentive to
good size, and that is why house-reared
puppies, especially if they are winter-
born, are almost invariably larger than
kennel-reared ones. I have not so much
as mentioned cow's milk in the foregoing,
as while I am aware that many fanciers
find it eminently satisfactory, I have
found it highly injurious to nearly all the
many mammals I have bred at one time or
another. So far as puppies are concerned,
cow's milk is three parts bulk to one of
nourishment. Nothing is a more fruitful
cause of diarrhoea, and distention and
flatulence nearly always follow in its
train. In case some economical soul sees
in my puppy menu a whole nightmare
of "saxpences" "banged" on Virol let
me add that he will find an effective sub-
stitute (though one not altogether as good
as Virol itself) in the cod liver oil and
phosphates emulsion recommended for the
pregnant bitch. That mixture is, how-
ever, only a war emergency one, so far
as my own kennels go. Until hostilities
temporarily held it up, I used little else
as a tonic and bone-builder for old and
young than the quite marvellous Sander-
son's Emulsion, plus the bone-meal for
expectant mothers and growing puppies.

"BAS. REQ."

(By T.L.)

Oh, isn't it great to be "up-to-date"
And live in this world of Grace;
With a system and place for everything
Though nobody knows the place.

We've an index card for each thing we
do

And everything under the sun;
It takes so long to fill in the cards
We never get anything done.

We've loose-leaf ledgers for saving time,
The Lord knows what they cost,
When half our time is spent each day
Hunting for leaves that are lost.

Stenographers that spell like II—
And make us swear and cuss;
When we are not dictating to them,
Why, they are dictating to us.

And sectional this and sectional that,
(We'll soon have sectional legs);
I dreamt last night that I made a meal
Of sectional ham and eggs.

I dreamt I lived in a sectional house,
And rode a sectional boss,
And drew my pay in sections from
A sectional "Section-boss."
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