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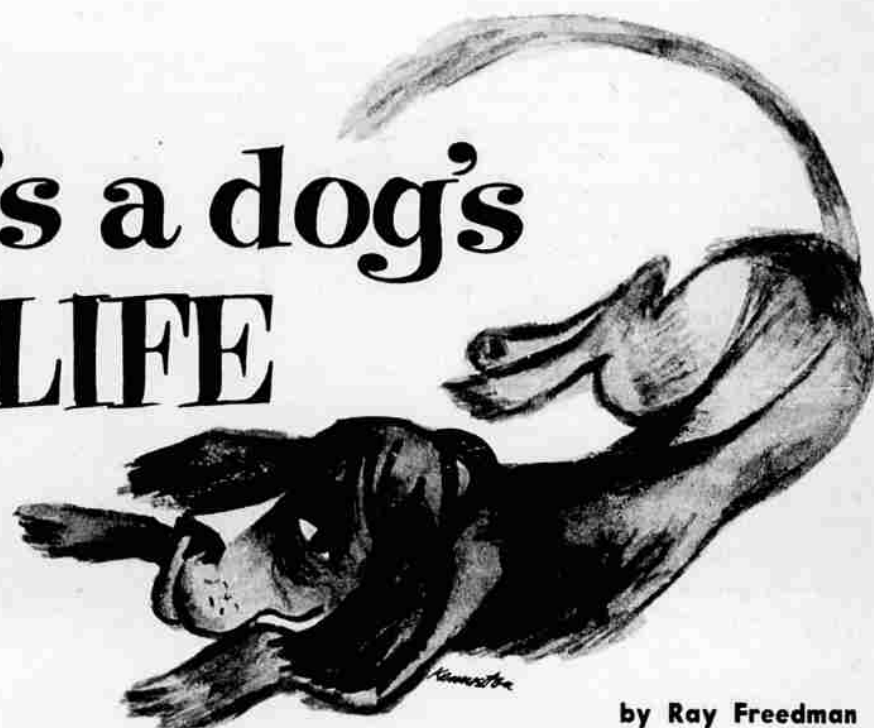
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by Ray Freedman

TWO LARGE Labrador dogs, sent to the dog pound in Detroit after the death of their master, were bailed out hastily when it was learned they had inherited \$5,000 from the late owner.

Bozo, a nondescript cur, was spared from being sent to the dog pound in Louisville, Ky., when it chased off an enraged bull about to attack a child who was taking a shortcut to school through a pasture.

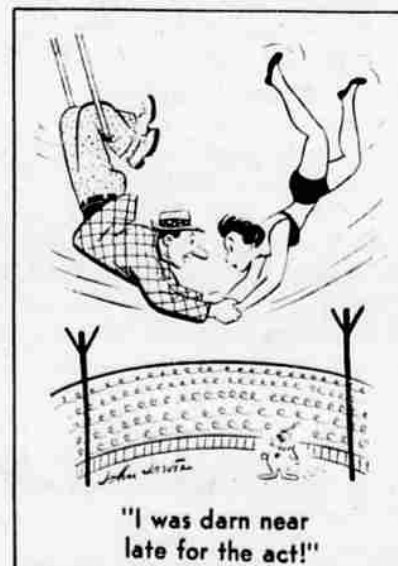
An angry couple, stymied in completing their divorce settlement by a pet dog that refused to choose between them, solved the canine's frustration by kissing and making up.

Alonzo, a 70-pound boxer unable to resist "drinks on the house" during a tour of Brockton, Mass., pubs, ended up weaving past policemen, who promptly locked him up until his hangover passed.

In Gravesend, England, the owner of an automobile was acquitted of reckless driving down a one-way street when he proved that his dog had the knack of starting the automatic controls of his car.

In Omaha, Neb., a dog-hater was converted when a barking dog brought him racing from his house, just in time to catch his eight-month-old daughter falling from an upper-story window.

When a neighbor's boy bit the nose of a pup's young master in Portland, Ore., the pup retaliated by biting the boy on the ear. The neighbor wanted the dog killed, but a gas reader had witnessed the proceedings so the pup was spared.



In Tulsa, Okla., a hit-and-run driver was shot in the chest by his dog, which stepped on the trigger of a gun in the back seat of his car. "That's what I call poetic justice," said the judge in levying a \$100 fine on the driver.

Shortly after befriending a sick Belgian police dog, a filling station operator in Oklahoma City was robbed and slugged by two bandits. When he regained consciousness, the dog was licking his face; nearby were the day's receipts, blood stains, and a pistol hastily abandoned by the bandits—mute evidence of the dog's repayment of a good turn.

Bridgit, Dalmatian pet of a fire department near Boston, Mass., became a heroine recently when she leaped from a speeding fire truck to kill a hooded cobra which had escaped from a carnival. Nearby a baby slept on the lawn, unmindful of the lurking danger.

Second-grade pupils in Harlan, Ky., enjoyed an unexpected vacation when a mother dog decided to have pups beneath the floor of the school. The mother and pups made so much commotion that the dog warden chopped holes in the floor to remove them, leaving such a draft that the principal dismissed the class.

The dispatcher in a Maywood, Ill., railroad yard, angry at a dog barking furiously in busy traffic lanes, pursued the mutt until it stopped near an obscured spot where a brakeman had just suffered a heart attack and fallen across the tracks. The dispatcher pulled the unconscious brakeman from the tracks minutes before a fast freight roared past.