

To Show That Pesky Dog His Place, Be Consistent

Does your home have that hang-dog look?
It's easy to tell if you qualify. Just inspect the furniture for dog hairs, the rugs for stains, and lastly that old lap lounge, man's best friend, for leaping insects.

In many a home where the family is trying to "put on the dog," Fido has nipped the scheme in the bud, acquiring Dad's comfortable easy chair at the fireplace even before they put the Oriental rugs down.

What to do about this destroyer of good will who is adored by all the family?

"You've got to be firm in handling him much as you love him," says Jack Greenberg, who makes a profession of studying proper care of dogs. He explains:
"At the first sign that he wants to make his bed on an easy chair or couch, push him to the floor and scold him. When you go out of the house, set mousetraps on the chair and sofa. If he should get on them, he'll spring the traps and get startled but he won't get hurt."

Some dog owners, says Greenberg, are not consistent toward their animal. Scold him when he's wrong, praise him when he's right, he says. Don't push him off a chair one time when you have company, and then let him sit there another time because he looks so appealing. Stick to the same tone of voice and word for disapproval. If you use the word "no," don't switch to "don't" another time, he advises. (After all, Fido may not have read Webster's.)

Housebreaking is easy for alert homemakers, Greenberg says. "If you train the puppy to paper, it's best to leave a scrap behind when disposing of the soiled papers. The puppy's sense of smell will lead him back to the spot he's used before."

When "mistakes" happen have a stain preventive on hand, such as a product that can neutralize the bleaching action of the waste matter and kill the odor.

A vacuum cleaner is good for picking up shedding hair. A dry sponge or brush made of stick tape (wind it around your hand) will pick up hair. It's a good idea, though to brush the dog frequently, collecting the hair on the brush before it gets on household effects. Tests at Sergeant's Dog Care Center, where Greenberg is research director, have shown that excessive shedding may also be caused by avitaminosis or lack of fat in the diet.

You can keep your home free from that doggy odor by bathing Fido frequently, Greenberg advises. "If your dog has fleas go to work on him and your house immediately," Greenberg says. "Dust scratch powder over the area surrounding his bed to kill eggs that may have fallen into cracks and crevices. When fleas, lice and ticks are prevalent, keep them off by dusting the dog with powder before he goes back into the house," he adds.



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Last Summer's Furniture Can Be Easily Reclaimed

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If last summer's outdoor furniture looks pretty seedy as you dig it out of storage, don't pitch it on the junk pile until you've checked it over carefully.

If the frames are firm or can be tightened readily, a few hours spent in renovation can save many dollars in replacement costs.

For tips on what to do to give new life to old chairs and tables, I sought advice from experts of the paint-and-varnish manufacturers' association.

If you have wooden or wicker furniture, use a clear exterior varnish, a bright-colored enamel or a natural pigmented finish.

Before painting, all surfaces must be clean and dry. Sandpaper loose or cracked finish and lightly sand glossy areas so the new coat will adhere better. Replace loose nails. Countersink them, prime nail heads with a rust inhibitor and fill holes with wood plastic.

If you want to retain the natural color of wood or wicker, use a tough spar varnish. A spray-on varnish will simplify recoating of irregular wicker surfaces. Redwood stains and stain sealers can be used on new or unpainted redwood.

A stain will also give a uniform color to surfaces which have weathered unevenly. Use it, too, to give a redwood tone to other light-colored woods.

Aluminum furniture not protected with a factory-applied coat of lacquer loses its sheen, say our advisers, and can become corroded in seashore areas.

A coat of exterior metal enamel is the best form of protection, they say.

Clean surface with turpentine or paint solvent. Give each piece a coat of zinc chromate primer before you apply the enamel. If you would rather retain the bright-metal look, use a coat of spar varnish or exterior lacquer.

If you have iron or steel furniture, you will find a tough exterior metal enamel will wear best, according to the experts. Clean the furniture with turpentine or odorless paint solvent.

Use sandpaper or steel wool to remove rust or cracked or chipped enamel. Prime bare spots with a rust-inhibiting metal enamel.

Roughen glossy spots a little with sandpaper. Metal enamel may be brushed or sprayed on. Or, you can use a spray-type enamel.

You can paint the furniture outdoors. Work on a dry day when there's not too much wind, and when the temperature is between 50 and 85 degrees Fahrenheit.

Cover a bench or table with newspapers and set the chair or table you'll be painting upside-down so that you can paint the underside first. Saves bending and kneeling.

Then, turn the piece upright and set on newspapers on ground or patio floor and paint the top side.

Plastic seats will usually need only a good scrubbing to restore their appearance although, if you are tired of them, there are kits containing strips to reweb seats. Available, too, are slip-on backs.

Canvas can be freshened up with a scrub brush and soap and water. But if the material has worn thin or shows signs of tearing, better replace it.

Incidentally, this year there are some wonderful new colors and stripe combinations in canvas—pink, turquoise, blue, for example.

"Attrition" Low Among AF Cadets

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. (UPI)—Only 207 of the 306 youths originally appointed to the first class of the Air Force Academy in 1955 will win diplomas this June at the Academy's first graduation exercise.

Lt. Col. Virgil J. O'Connor, Academy registrar, said more than half of the cadets who had left resigned for personal reasons. Others, he said, were hardship cases, while some were asked to quit.

O'Connor said one out of every four cadets entering the Academy flunks out or resigns. Despite the highly competitive method of selection which gives the Academy the "cream" of American youth, O'Connor said the attrition rate is nearly 27 per cent.

The drop-out rate at private and state colleges and universities runs from 35 to 50 per cent. O'Connor also points out that attrition rates at West Point and Annapolis are around the 30 per cent mark.

During the first three years of its operation, the Academy accepted 912 young men as cadets. A total of 228 dropped out. These figures do not include the present freshman class.

O'Connor said he expects the drop-out rate at the Academy to increase slightly in years to come once the school has full-sized classes of 712 cadets entering each June.

O'Connor believes most of those who resign do so because they lack motivation for a military career. He points out that usually only a fraction of the resignations stem from academic troubles. Others decide to go into other fields, quit because of physical failures, or get married.

STONE'S THROW

HARTFORD, Conn. (UPI)—Eva is a rolling Stone. Miss Eve Stone is one of the top bowlers in the Laurel Women's League.



Exterior enamel in a bright color reconditions an aluminum chair for another summer's outdoor service. Set upside-down on table and paint underside first, to speed your painting time.

THAT SECURE FEELING

TOLEDO, Ohio (UPI)—William A. Bodinus of Toledo joined the city's police force on July 5, 1893, because he wanted the security of a pension. After 25 years on the force, Bodinus retired in 1918. He's 90 years of age now and has already drawn nearly \$50,000 in pension payments.

BRIEF CAREER

HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — Robert Ryan, who plays the role of the editor in the movie "Lonelyhearts," once was a newspaperman—but the actor said this phase of his career was very short. "I was fired the same day I was hired," he said.



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