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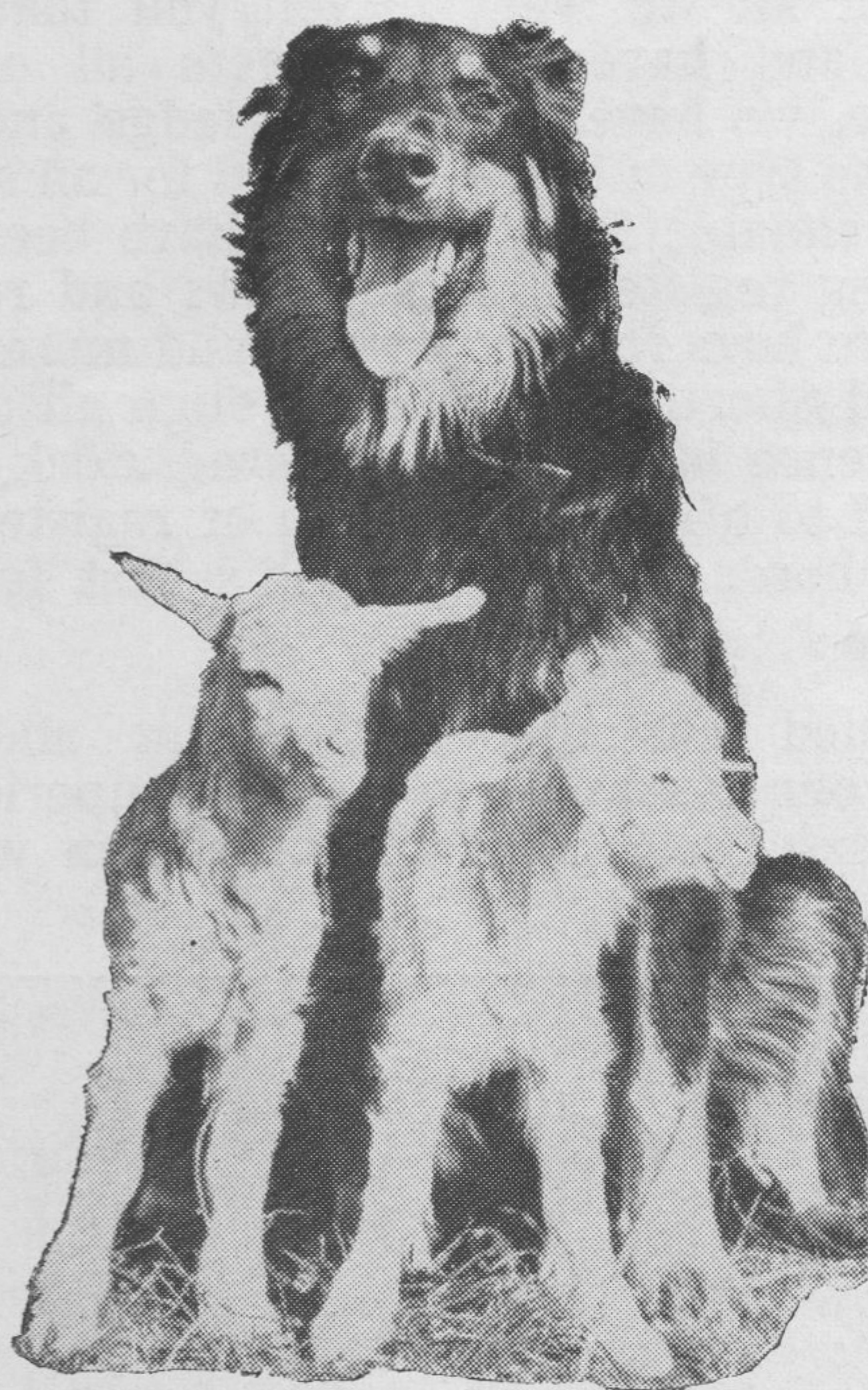
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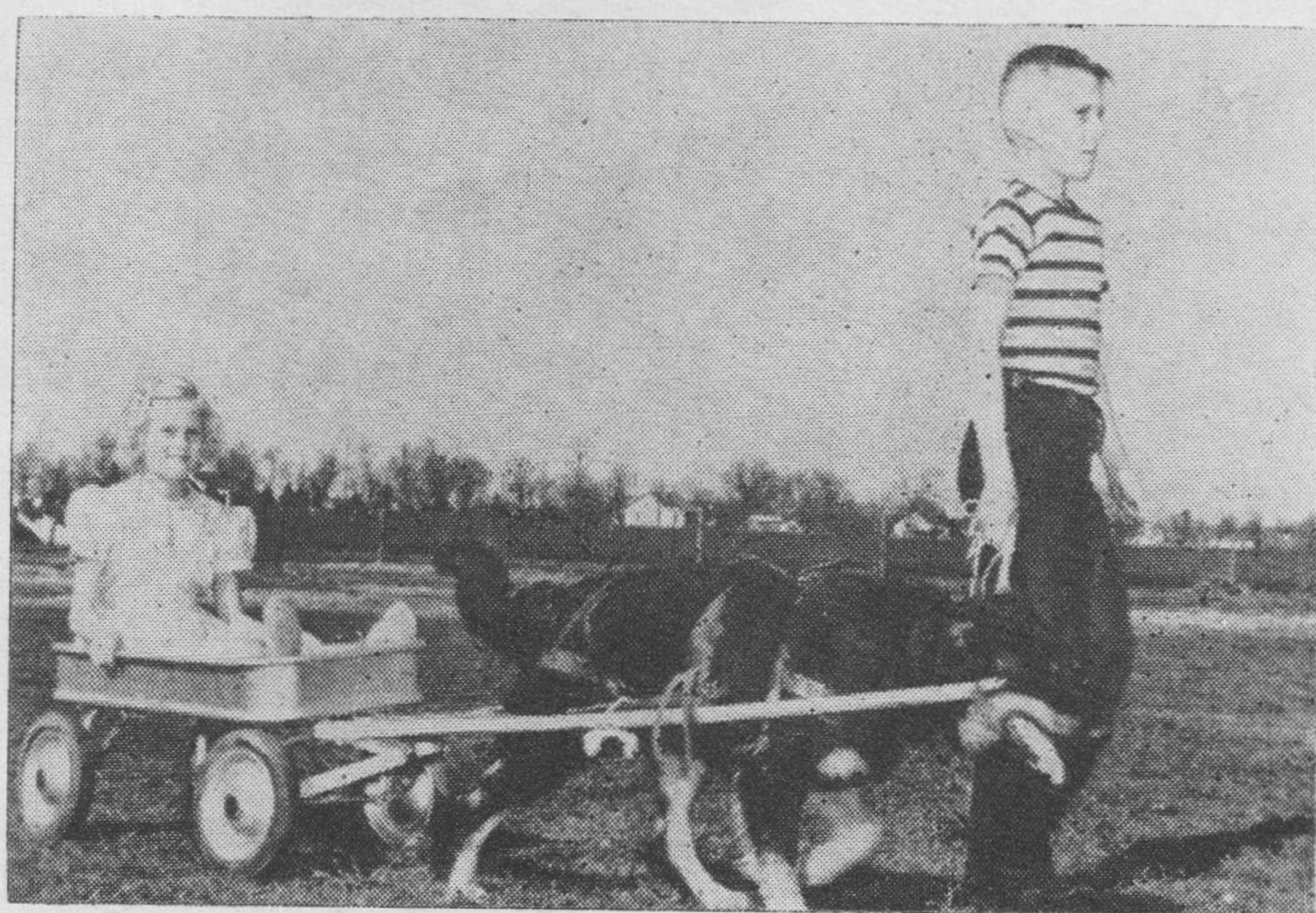
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In reply to inquiries about our English Shepherds we are happy to give detailed information about our dogs.

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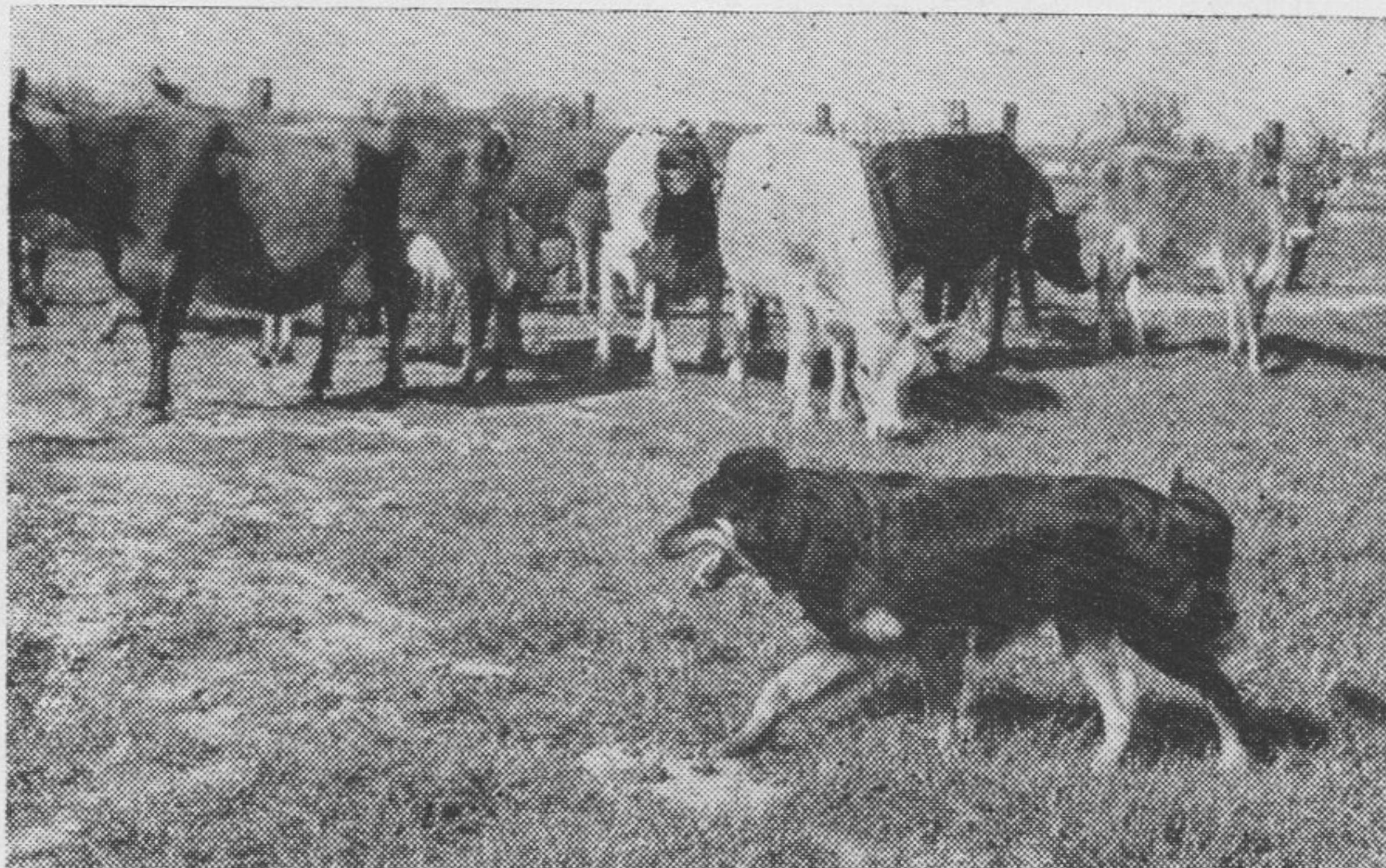
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*I hope this
is looking for
me better!*

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(Mrs. John)*



Rounding up the cows at milking time is one of the tasks the dogs perform

Sold On Shepherds

For an all-round farm dog they can't be beat, say the John Blankenships of Murfreesboro, and their children find that they make excellent friends.

By Josephine Murphy

(EDITOR'S NOTE—This article is being reprinted through the courtesy of THE NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN MAGAZINE as appeared in their issue of May 3, 1953.

Tho many years have passed, the Blankenships have not lost their enthusiasm and devotion for breeding superior English Shepherds. And every new customer, or reorders, brings a sincere rededication to continue producing the world's best all-purpose dog.)

Mr. and Mrs. John Blankenship of Rutherford county are firmly of the opinion that no stock farm should be without an English Shepherd dog.

The Blankenships, whose farm is located southeast of Murfreesboro, have been raising shepherds for some ten years now. They claim that a well trained dog has saved them as much as 30 minutes a day in bringing sheep in from pasture, in addition to perform a number of similarly useful services.

Their first English shepherd, a sable-colored dog, was acquired during the war years, when farm labor was impossible to get, and a four-footed assistant was better than none at all. Since then they've become more and more attached to the breed.

Nine-year-old Henry and seven-year-old Mary Ann Blankenship agree with their parents, Duke and Major, two of the eight English shepherd dogs currently on the Blankenship premises, are their cherished pets. Mary Ann and Henry have broken Duke to pull a little cart about the farm, and Henry and Duke have frequent friendly wrestling matches too.

All the Blankenship dogs now are of the black-and-tan variety, since dogs with that coloring make better stock dogs than the sable-hued beasts, the Blankenships have decided.

"Work with stock comes naturally to the English Shepherd," Mrs. Blankenship says, although Duke was not much of a stock dog until jealousy put him on his mettle. He just wouldn't respond to their commands at all until they acquired Bo. But Bo worked the stock so well that

Duke saw his own popularity at stake, and he started performing in the best stock-dog style.

Mary Ann breaks the dogs to lead, but she has even more ambitious plans for Chigger, a puppy who is her present favorite.

"When it gets a little warmer, I'm going to teach Chigger a trick," she confided to a visitor the other day. "I don't know what kind of a trick I want her to do yet, but I think maybe I want her to jump through a hoop, or maybe jump rope with me."

A puppy's training as a stock dog should be started at about four or five months, Mrs. Blankenship says. By the time he's a year old, he should be working stock like a veteran.

"If they won't do it by then, they never will," Blankenship agrees.

Among the services an English Shepherd can—and, if properly trained, will—perform are those of herding cattle from pasture and putting them into barns at night; herding sheep from pasture; catching and holding hogs; and loading livestock into loading chutes.

The latter service is particularly valuable in the case of hogs, since the farmer who has to whip a hog to urge him into a loading chute may bruise his flesh and thus lower the price received for the animal, Mrs. Blankenship explained. The dog's gentle nipping and barking have no ill effects on the porkers but they accomplish the desired results.

Also on the credit side of the dogs, ledger is their facility at catching 'possums, 'coons, groundhogs, skunks, rats and other small animals the farmer would rather be without.



Horace Curtis is showing a coon with his registered English Shepherds, "Lassie" and "Ship."



NEWTON, IOWA (Sept. 20, 1956) President Eisenhower stops to shake hands with Mr. and Mrs. John Blankenship, farmer and breeder of English Shepherds of Murfreesboro, representing Tennessee at the National Plowing Contest. They are the first husband and wife team ever to enter the competition, and she was the only woman to participate. Mrs. Blankenship entered the National Contour Division, and her husband was in the Level Land contest. From left—Mr. and Mrs. Blankenship; Kenneth Clark, (Cherokee), Iowa contestant; Herb Plambeck, Radio Station WHO and WHO-TV, 1956 National Plowing Contest Chairman, Des Moines, Iowa, and the President.

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The English Shepherd is a medium sized, strongly-built, active dog. He is affectionate, intelligent, naturally obedient, not quarrelsome or possessive, but of great courage and extremely faithful. He is not easily excitable and is usually dignified in manner. A natural born working dog, first used by men to herd sheep but now used mostly for cattle dogs as they are natural low heelers.

The English Shepherd has the stamina and courage it takes to pen the wildest cattle. They are also used for hunting dogs as they can kill animals much larger than themselves, and always attack an animal from the rear. They have also been found extremely valuable as guards and watchdogs.

HEAD: Medium length, skull broad between the ears. Stop well pronounced, also the occipit. Nose well developed and always black. Jaws large and strong. Teeth strong, incisor bite. Eyes, medium size, prominent, dark brown, and should express good humor, faithfulness and confidence. Ears medium size, wide apart and about even with the top of the head, hang over on the side of the head when the dog is relaxed, up a little when the dog is alert. Neck should be strong and well muscled.

BODY: Ribs well sprung apart, chest broad and deep, perfect balance: Loins strong and deep, flanks should be even and smooth, not tucked up. Dewclaws are very desirable.

COAT: Hair should be about two inches long, glossy, and repels water, always slightly wavy, but straight hair is more desirable than hair too curly. This hair doesn't cling to woolen garments as does some other type dogs hair.

COLOR: Glossy black with clearly defined markings of Mahogany brown to Golden tan on cheeks, chest, legs and muzzle and over each eye and a bar across the chest. Small amount of white on chest and under the stomach is permissible, also a white ring neck on the black and tan English Shepherd. Jet black English Shepherds may have white markings as long as the white is perfectly balanced and not any white on the body. The most desirable color for English Shepherds is a glossy black with Rusty Golden Tan markings with a good bar across the chest.

HEIGHT: Not less than 18 inches or over 22 inches high. Not less than 40 pounds or over 60 pounds, but the most desirable size is 20 inches high and 50 pounds.

TAIL CARRIAGE: When the English Shepherd is relaxed the tail is carried on about a 45° angle with a little crook near the end of the tail. When the dogs are working the tail is more on the level with the body. English Shepherd pups are sometimes born with a natural bob tail.

Mr. [REDACTED],

appreciate your call. I hope this
letter shows what you were looking for
in a dog. You can let me know!

Pauline Blankenship
(Mrs. John)

Mr. and Mrs. John Blankenship

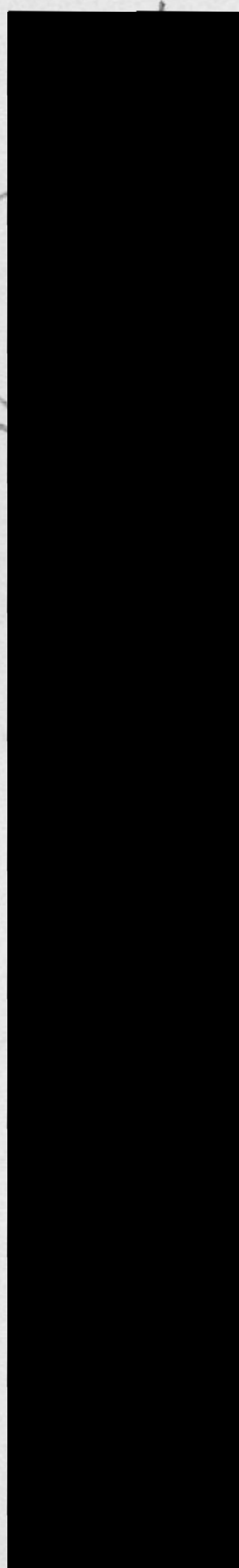
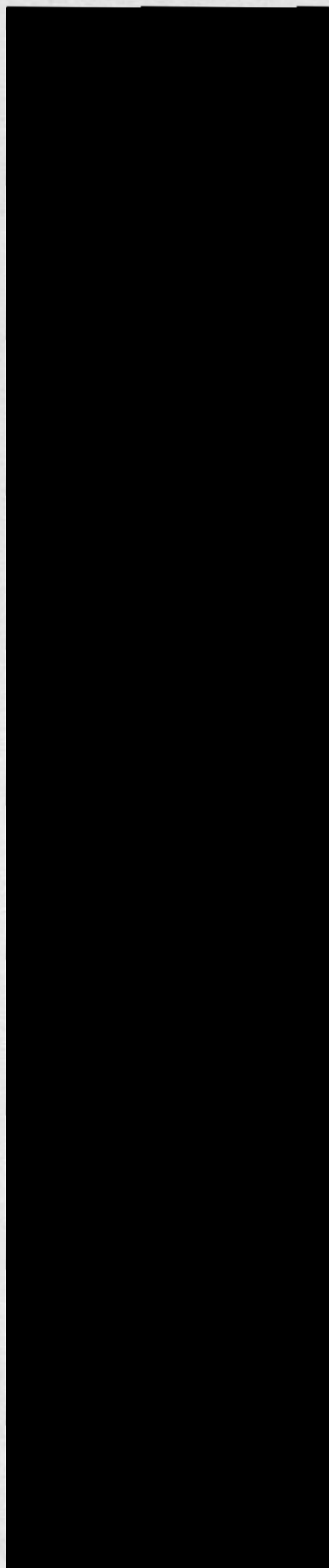
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