



What size whelping box do you use?

I think they are 4½' x 4½'.

Can you tell us some personal background on yourself?

I went to college and then I got married. My first husband was a lawyer and we didn't get along. He didn't love dogs, and I love dogs, so that marriage had to go. I met my present husband after the war, and he was a good-looking chap! (Laughter) I didn't really want to come to the United States. I was very disappointed in the beginning, because I had a pretty good life in Germany. First we went to Washington, D.C. Then, we went to Fort Knox and there was nothing. We had a shack. I never saw anything like it in my life, and I said, "I'm going back home!" (Laughter) But everything worked out alright. I thought the American people were very kooky, but lovely. I have met lots of lovely, lovely people.

Where all have you lived since you moved to this country?

In Washington, D.C., Louisville and Fort Knox. In Fort Knox I saw a couple of things I didn't like. I saw somebody mistreat a dog and I didn't keep my mouth shut. I got in trouble and I said "Heck with it," and I moved to Louisville. Then, each time my husband got transferred I stayed with my dogs; I never left. I have been here since 1956.

Do you do all the driving to shows or do you take someone with you to help drive?

I do it all. When I started out going to shows the money was a little slim. I was allowed to bring only \$400 in cash when I came over from Germany. But, I did have some valuables and I sold those. Boy! did I get taken, too. I remember once I took a 2½ carat diamond ring to an auction and they only got \$350 for it.

I can remember when I had no money. I drove all night to a dog show, went into the toilet, changed my clothes, and came out looking like a million dollars. (Laughter) And, maybe, I slept in the car that night. But the good parts made up for the bad parts; the American people were good to me.

What does your husband do?

He is a retired Army man. In about 1956 or 1957 I opened my own liquor store. I.W. Harper, who was named for the whiskey, used to go to the store with me and sleep on the floor under the counter. He

wouldn't let anybody come in the back, even the delivery people, until I said it was okay.

How many years did you operate your liquor store?

Quite awhile. I guess I had it for about ten years.

Do the dogs take up most of your time now?

Yes. I do almost all of my day to day veterinarian work. I can tell when a dog is sick by the smell on the breath and in the stool. Do you know I was the first one to find the Herpes Virus? There is some doctor in New York who claims he was the first one to find it, but I had it ten years before he came out with it. I had a case of Herpes and I took the dog to Hopkinsville and I made up my own serum. I gave all the dogs the Herpes Virus shots, and the mother who had it. We took blood from her and give it to the puppies.

How many children do you have?

One son, and one grandson. My son was a good kid; I never had any problems with him. Hell, I kept him so busy when he was young that he couldn't get in trouble! He had no time for it.

Is there anything else that you would like to discuss?

Just that I would like to say that people should be careful with puppies, and be sure that they don't get rotten food because it will give them bacterial infections. I give my puppies yogurt to replace the necessary live bacteria in the body. It is very good for diarrhea in puppies. People should take diarrhea much more seriously than they do in puppies; it can kill them.

Did you ever have the "fading puppy syndrome"?

Yes, but I didn't lose them. When they are five or six days old I give them cloromyceten for three days and that will prevent that. The problem with diarrhea is that by the time people get worried the puppy is probably already dehydrated. Immediately I give the puppy Alban and Kaopectate with perogoric; this will clear it up right away. Buttermilk and yogurt work too.

Did you ever have a mastitis puppy?

No. I check continuously. I squeeze that milk out, one way or another.

Thank you very much.

You are quite welcome.

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