

## **A DOG PERSON'S DICTIONARY**

**ANGULATION:** Degree to which dog handlers will bend over backwards to impress the judges.

**BALANCE:** How to arrange the cheque book so your spouse won't know how much money you spent on dog shows last month. Usually done in the bathroom with the door locked.

**BITCH:** a) Name for a lady dog. b) Name often overheard at dog shows, not always to describe a lady dog.

**COAT:** The hairy covering of a dog that usually falls out about one week before the Specialty show.

**DAM:** a) A lady dog with children. b) Expression frequently overheard at dog shows as losers leave the ring.

**ELBOW:** Method of getting to ringside when late.

**EXPRESSION:** "Sweet" look adopted by dogs while staring ravenously at chunks of liver.

**FANCIER:** Degree to which some gentlemen handlers dress more than others.

**FEATHERING:** What winners are accused of doing to Judges' nests.

**FRONT:** Part of the dog often stacked toward the outside of the ring.

**HEEL:** a) What you feel like when your dog beats the one you had just sold to an eager novice. b) Expression often screamed to attract the attention of deaf dogs.

**HEIGHT:** As in "Maximum Allowed," a measurement which all champions fall under by AT LEAST 1/8 inch.

**HOCK:** A way of financing your dog shows by the use of jewellery such as wedding rings.

**KENNEL:** Where you go when the lads fight and your spouse yells at you.

**LITTER:** Trash left all over the building and parking lot after a dog show.

**MASK:** What to wear when you have to show the pet you sold six months ago.

**MUZZLE:** What to put on your kids at a dog show to prevent them from calling your competition what they overheard you call him last night.

**NOSEPRINTS:** Cute marks left all over your French doors.

**OUTCROSSING:** What your spouse tells the minister you are doing out in the kennel with the dog and the bitch.

**POINTS:** Minute, invisible awards for winning which you cannot convince your spouse are more important than cash prizes.

**PUPPIES:** Small, dog-like food-processing machines with the ability to stink up an entire house and collectively deafen a band of magpies, (these creatures have not yet been perfected, as they come with a leaky system, and can also be dangerous to weak hearts and bank accounts).