

Lions adopt Leader Dog Puppy program

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TOWANDA — The Lions 4-H Leader Dog Puppy Program was officially adopted for the first time in Bradford County at a recent dinner meeting held at the Elks Club here. Representatives from each of the eight Lions Clubs gave their enthusiastic nod.

Mrs. Jody Sweeney, 4-H coordinator of the Leader Dog Puppy Program and the featured speaker at the Lions Club meeting, explained that the Leader Dog Puppy Program was started in Pennsylvania in 1978. Five German Shepherd female dogs, carefully chosen for temperament and con-

formation, are kept at Penn State specifically to have puppies to be future Leader Dogs.

The puppies are farmed out to 4-H kids in various counties for a year and after passing physical and obedience tests are sent to the Leader Dog School in Rochester, Michigan to be further trained and given to blind people.

The Leader Dog School is supported financially by Lions Clubs International and is known as one of the largest and finest Leader Dog Schools in the world.

Mrs. Sweeney brought an eight week old female German Shepherd puppy with her. The dog, well-behaved and quiet, won the hearts

of the 50 Lions present. This particular dog will be delivered soon to a 4-H member in another county.

One of the most important parts of training the dog in the first year is 'socialization,' Mrs. Sweeney said. The 4-H member will be expected to take the dog to town, to fairs, to church, and other public places in order to expose him to all types of situations he might experience as a Leader Dog. The Lions Club members will help 'open doors' for the dogs to enter where dogs are not usually allowed.

Miss Levetta Roof, Bradford County 4-H agent, told the Lions that a committee will soon be formed to choose the 4-H kids who will be taking care of the Leader Dog puppies. A special Leader Dog

Puppy 4-H club will be started and the children will be carefully taught how to care for the dogs.

The Lions committed themselves financially to help pay for dog food, and visits to the vet since the average cost of raising a puppy for a year is \$200.

According to Duane Fay, Big Pond Lion and district coordinator of the Lions Leader Dog Program, Lions in his district alone gave \$55,000 to the program last year, so

he felt finances will not be a problem.

Mrs. Sweeney told the group that one of the dogs at Penn State named Hannah is expecting puppies by the last of March, and these puppies will be delivered to Bradford County the last of May. Last time Hannah had 10 puppies, Mrs. Sweeney said, so it is anybody's guess how many boys and girls she will be making happy this time.



An eight week old German Shepherd puppy calmly poses with Duane Fay, district coordinator of the Lions 4-H Leader Dog Puppy Program at a recent meeting of Bradford County Lions. Levetta Roof, Bradford County 4-H agent, is organizing a special 4H Leader Dog Puppy Club in preparation for puppies to arrive in the county the last of May.





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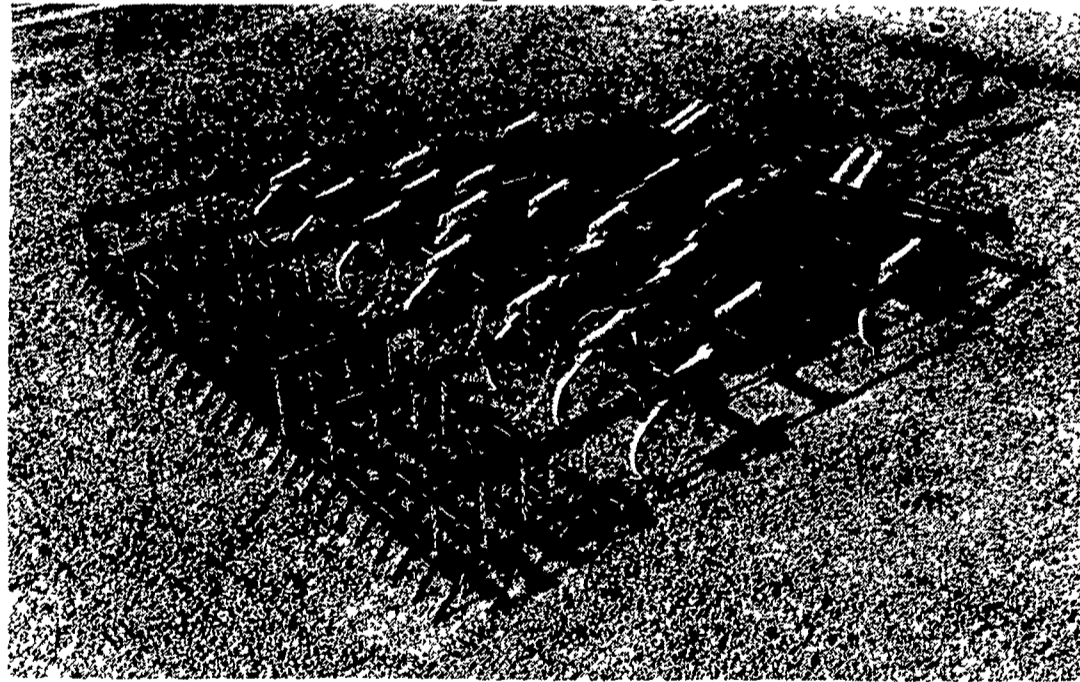
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