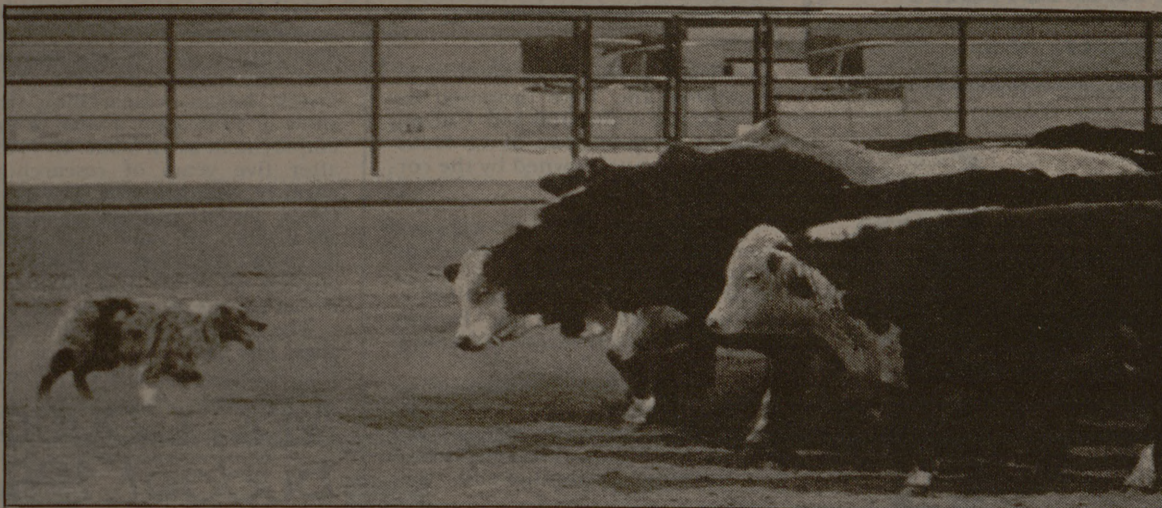


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Animals act as workers, friends

Stock dogs pull double duty

By RUTH COCHRAN
Reporter



Bud herds cattle at the stock dog trials.

Photo by ANTHONY S. CASPER

Most dog owners are close to their dogs. Although they don't do much, they are good companions and even mind at times.

Stock dog owners are close to their dogs also but expect them to help with ranch work and then be ready with a friendly lick after a long day's work.

It was evident just how close stock dogs and their owners are at the stock dog trials held Saturday and Sunday at the Louis Pearce Pavilion.

The dogs competed in various classes designed to show off their skills at herding livestock such as cattle, sheep and goats.

Tony Rohne of Palestine brought three dogs to the trial. He said he bred stock dogs because of their heart and nature.

"They're people type dogs," Rohne said. "They're bred for every-day work."

Rohne said it takes about three years to train a dog to work livestock and that it's worth the time.

"If you get a dog to the point where it'll control the stock," Rohne said, "it's satisfaction. It's like watching your kids ride bikes."

Neal Tindol of Bryan said he breeds because he enjoys the competitions and the people who attend them.

Tindol also said he likes stock dogs because of their intelligence.

"They're real independent," Tin-

dol said, "and they're extremely sharp. I think my older dog's biggest kick in life is to just try and outsmart me, which is pretty often."

Joel Finch of Richmond trains dogs professionally in obedience and as guard dogs. He trains only his own dogs to work livestock and he brought a few to the trials.

"I train dogs all day long for other people and I don't have much time for my own," Finch said. "I try to spend time with all of them — quality time like with a child."

Finch pointed to the dog at his

feet and said, "We're pretty close. He's my shadow. But I've got an old dog at home that's about nine-years-old. He's my best friend."

Rohne said the dogs enjoy what they do. He said the dogs like working livestock and they want to please their owners.

He motioned at a dog working sheep in the arena.

"Look at the sparkle in her eye," Rohne said. "She's looking at him (the owner) wanting to please him."

Rohne said the dogs are just like people.

"They're just like anyone else working for you," Rohne said. "They're just like humans — they have their flaws. They have their good days and their bad days. Too many people come to these trials and expect their dogs to run like machines."

Despite the importance of the work the dogs do, most owners feel their dogs are at their best when they're companions.

"They're just good buddies to ride up and down the road with," Rohne said. "They're just a good friend."

Mattox says report is political attack

Associated Press

DALLAS — State Attorney General Jim Mattox Sunday labeled a newspaper report that he received \$100,000 from the proceeds of a Dallas-area land deal which is one of hundreds under a federal grand jury's scrutiny as "distorted" and "a political attack."

In a story Sunday, the Dallas Morning News said the money was delivered to Mattox a month after he was elected attorney general at a \$2 fundraiser at the direction of

D.L. "Danny" Faulkner.

Faulkner is a condominium developer whose projects are under investigation, and a longtime friend and business associate of Mattox.

According to real estate records, the money was paid from the sale of 21.5 acres of undeveloped land.

Witnesses to the transaction say Mattox accepted the money although he had no investment interest in the property or any participation in the sale, the News reported.

Mattox, responding in a prepared statement Sunday to the Morning News story, called it "negative" and "distorted."

Mattox said he and Faulkner have been partners in several real estate deals.

Mattox's statement described the payment as a commission for putting together a seller and buyer for 21 acres of condominium land. The deal was handled by Faulkner, the statement said.

Court documents, including Faulkner's deposition, show the money was delivered to Mattox as two cashiers checks for \$100,000 each, one of them payable to Mattox's sister and the other payable to his brother.

Mattox said he was uncertain why his sister's name appeared on one of the checks. He said the money actually was intended for Mattox Properties. He said he assumes that his sister may have acted as a trustee in his behalf.

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2.02 carats	12,500.00	50 pts	1,500.00	.45 pts	775.00	.42 pts	1,250.00	.35 pts	1,250.00	.71 pts	2,700.00
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