

# Uncle Sam wants your dog—for \$400

There's a new twist to the old military recruitment slogan "Uncle Sam Wants you!" Now Uncle Sam wants your dog, too.

The Department of Defense Dog Center at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, would like to provide a rewarding career in the military for your dog.

Recruiters from the Center are looking for German Shepherds, Rottweilers and Bouvier des Flandres. The dogs don't have to be pedigreed but they must have the predominant characteristics of one of these breeds. Also, they must be 1 through 3 years old, at least 22 inches tall at the shoulders and weigh at least 55 pounds. Males and females are

accepted. Females do not have to be spayed.

The Air Force manages the Center for the Department of Defense and is responsible for procuring dogs from pet owners throughout the United States. Owners can either donate their pets or receive up to \$400 if the dog is accepted into the program.

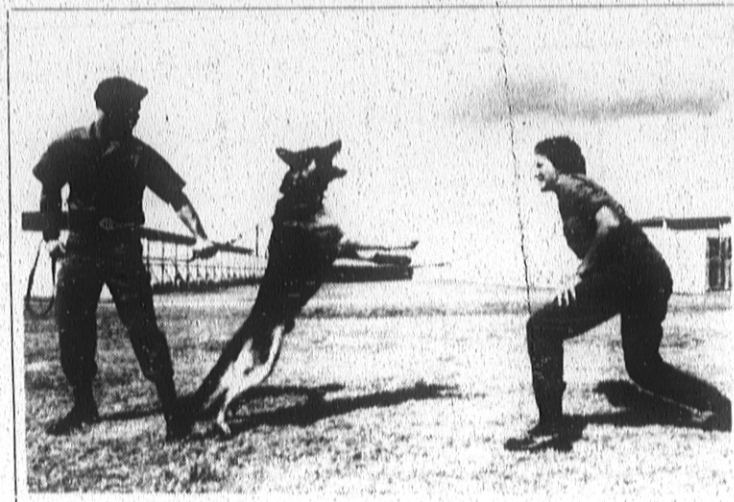
To qualify for the military working dog program, dogs must pass certain psychological and physical tests.

The first and most important test is a dog's response to gunfire. A round of .38 caliber blanks is fired from a distance of about 100 yards decreasing to 30 yards. A dog that is afraid of the noise will

be rejected immediately.

Dogs that are accepted are trained in a variety of duties which include protection of the president, detection of explosives and narcotics and patrolling military installations.

A Dog Center team will be in Anchorage to buy qualified dogs on July 25, 26, 27 and 28 at Elmendorf Air Force Base, building 33-385. Appointments can be made starting on July 22 through July 28 by calling 552-4301 or 552-4781 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.



*German Shepard, Kurt, demonstrates aggressiveness required to qualify for program. Security/Policewoman Sergeant Carol L. Stone (r) agitates Kurt while Security policeman Airman Jay J. Radovich restrain him. (USAF photo)*