

Great Dog For Cattle, Hogs

"They're great for both cattle and hogs. They're courageous, cunning, and they'll never panic even under the charge of a raging bull," says Lucy Smalley of Sarona, Wis., a breeder and advocate of the Texas Heeler, a blend of American and Australian blood that is said to have bred away the wildness of the Australian breeds while keeping the savvy and instinctive ability that make a valuable cattle dog.

The Texas Heeler was bred into existence in the 1940's by Texas Indians who crossed Australian cattle dogs with American mongrels. "The resulting Texas Heeler is just an advanced Blue Heeler," says Smalley, adding that the wildness many U.S. cattlemen don't care for in other Australian dogs has apparently been eliminated in the Texas Heeler.

Heelers work cattle from behind. With lightning quickness they'll nip

at an animal's off-balance leg, then duck if a leg kicks back. But unlike many heeling dogs, they're smart enough to handle a charging animal, too.

"The first time cattle meet a new working dog, they'll challenge it by charging head on. Heelers stand their ground and, in a split second as the animal reaches them, leap out and nip the animal's nose, at the same time jumping to the side. Cows usually snort and jump back, falling totally under command of the dog," explains Smalley.

Besides their strength, quickness and intelligence, Smalley says the Texas Heeler's friendliness is in direct contrast to the aggressiveness of other Australian heelers and dingos, and probably is a result of American Collie blood being bred in. "The Texas Heeler has a loving disposition, a willingness to work, and is



dedicated to his masters."

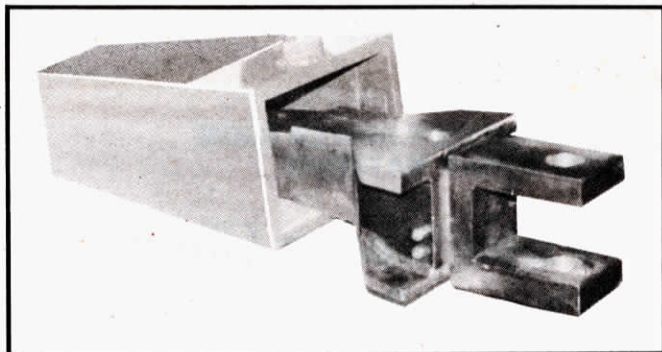
Although a good range dog, Smalley says Texas Heelers are particularly well-suited to "close in" farm livestock work, such as moving cows from stanchion barn to pasture, holding cows while vehicles pass through gates, and moving cows or hogs to market.

Heelers learn most of their work by instinct, under the owner's direction. Smalley sells female Texas Heelers for \$100 and males for \$125. She can put interested parties in other areas of the country in touch with the nearest local breeders.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Lucy Smalley, Texas Heelers, Rt. 1, Box 195-A, Sarona, Wis. 54870 (ph 715 354-7963).



Apache, Smalley's prize stud, demonstrates his cattle "heeling" ability (top). He stands 21 in. tall, weighs 50 lbs.



Wiggle Hitch extends out of its casing, hooks to the implement, and pulls back in hydraulically.

SEMI-AUTOMATIC HITCHING

New "Wiggle Hitch" For Big Tractors

Owners of big 4-wheel and 2-wheel drive tractors are taking a close look at a new heavy-duty hitch system from Zwibco Manufacturing that's designed to eliminate frustrating hook-up problems with big equipment behind big tractors.

The Kirsch Wiggle Hitch is housed in a rectangular casing that bolts to your existing drawbar. A 2-in. dia. hydraulic cylinder inside pushes the hitch 8 in. out of the case where it can be moved back and forth 10 in., and 5 in. up and down. Once you've hooked onto the implement, the hitch is pulled back into its casing, where it locks into place automatically.

"There are automatic controls inside the cab for operating the hitch,

and remote controls that mount in the rear, depending on how your tractor is equipped. You just back up close to the implement and let the retrieval hitch do the rest," explains Ron Zwickco, president of Zwibco.

At this time, the company makes hitches for 150 hp. 2-wheel drives and up, and for most large 4-wheel drives. Hitches are being designed to fit a full range of 2-wheel drives and smaller 4-wheel drives. Current hitches range in price from \$800 to \$1,500.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Zwibco, Box 531, New Ulm, Minn. 56073 (ph 507 359-2352).

LOTS OF ROOM, PLUS THE CONVENIENCE OF A FULL-SIZE CAB

New All-Season Cab For Utility Tractors

Tractor manufacturers aren't making them but a California firm has just come out with a cab for utility tractors that measures up to the standards of big luxury cabs.

The enamel-coated steel cab was designed primarily as air-tight protection when spraying orchards. However, the air-tight characteristics that protect an operator from chemical fumes also help keep the cab warm in winter and cool in summer, with the aid of a heating and cooling unit.

"The cab is designed to mount on tractor fenders which we also manufacture to protect fruit trees from tire damage. We're now designing a mounting bracket, however, that will mount the cab on any tractor, regardless of whether it has our fenders," says Bob Nelson of Nelson Manufacturing in Yuba City, Cal., the manufacturer.

The cab features an electric windshield wiper, sliding windows, and an optional air purifier, air conditioner and heating unit. Cabs fit most utility tractors, ranging from the Ford and John Deere to the Yanmar and Kubota.



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Nelson cabs sell for \$2,100, plus \$615 for fenders.

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