



## Two Story "Pet House"

Darrell Wintermute, Bottineau, N. Dak., built a 2-story pet house that puts both his dog and cat under the same roof.

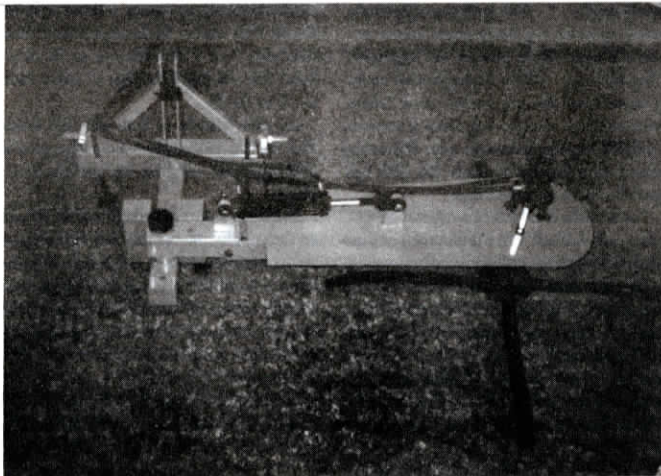
The unique pet shelter started out as a house for Duke, the family dog. "I wanted to build it big enough so we could get a second dog later. The frame is 3 by 4 ft., built with materials left over from building our house, including cedar siding and asphalt shingles. The overhang is bordered with redwood.

"The top insulated loft is for our cats. Adult cats jump from the ground up to the ledge in front of the entry hole. Kittens use a redwood ramp which goes up the side of the house. A door at the back of the loft is used to put food and milk in for the cats.

"The top part of the house, which consists of the loft and roof, is hooked to the bottom part of the house with 4 latch hooks. Both the bottom and top compartments are insulated and wired with electricity so I can put a 125-watt heat bulb in the bottom and a 60-watt bulb in the top. I also put a plexi-glass door on both the top and bottom entries which swings in and out to let pets pass freely but keeps the wind out.

"Everyone who sees the house thinks it's great. Our mailman even brings people out to see it."

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Mower's 30-in. rubber blades rotate at up to 670 rpm's.

## MOWS OVER AND AROUND ROCKS AND OTHER SOLID OBJECTS

# Go-Anywhere Mower Cleans Around Fences, Machinery

Rocks, steel posts, machinery or trees don't bother the "Texas Tornado," a new go-anywhere mower equipped with rubber blades that bounce harmlessly off solid objects.

"It's great for mowing fencelines and will even disperse sand and dirt piled up in the fencerow," says inventor-manufacturer Merle Heiskell, Dalhart, Tex.

The 3-pt. hitch mower's rubber blades, made from combine bats, are 30 in. long, 2

in. wide and 3/4-in. thick. A hydraulic orbit motor turns the adjustable-speed blades at up to 670 rpm's. The mower has a 6 ft. reach and is adjustable to cut 45° above or below horizontal.

Sells for \$1,595, plus \$200 for an optional wire-winding attachment.

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## New Products Especially For Women And The Farm, Ranch Home.



Wind-driven propeller strums a length of music wire attached to a circular sound board. The musical "bongs" scare gophers and moles away.

## "WHIRLYGIG" MAKES DISTURBING NOISE

# His Mole & Gopher Getter Spins In The Wind

By Gail Damerow

To prevent pesky gophers and moles from destroying vegetables and flowers, desperate farmers and gardeners have tried all sorts of ingenious devices. Some work. Some don't. John Tapert says his invention is one that works.

His invention couples a wood propeller that whirls in the slightest breeze, with a length of music wire that's strummed gently by the turning propeller blades. A thin plywood circular sound board amplifies the musical "bong, bong" much the way a guitar body amplifies the sound of plucked guitar strings. Tapert patterned his device after a weather vane so that it pivots to face into the prevailing breeze. Moving parts are fitted with all-weather nylon bushings to reduce wear.

Two of Tapert's devices, placed in the ground at either end of his 100-ft. long garden, finally sent that pesky mole packing. When he replanted the damaged area, Tapert noticed that the continuing vibrations discouraged birds from going after his freshly planted seeds.

Tapert dubbed his invention the "Mole, Gopher and Bird Remover" and made up several for his mole-infested neighbors. Within 48 hrs., most yards were completely rid of the underground pests. In cases where mole tunneling continued, moving the device closer to fresh mounds soon sent the moles scurrying for quieter ground. For serious infestations, two units placed side by side proved more than twice as effective as one.

Tapert and his neighbors found that return visits are discouraged by leaving the units in place to continue their pleasant twanging. "I would not want to try gardening without them now that all the underground burrowers have moved on," says Tapert. "I keep one at each end of my garden just to keep them out."

Sells for \$26. Do-it-yourself plans, or unassembled kits, are also available.

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