

"You, Lion, must show your breeding by a humane courtesy, not only towards men, but towards all animals and insects as well. Men apply the term 'mongrels' to dogs not of noble stock, and, unhappily, the epithet implies an amount of reproach and contempt that often carries with it not a little abuse for these unfortunate animals from men who themselves are quite as much entitled to the term.

"When my fine points are discussed by men, and a mongrel is within hearing, I long for a word of praise to be thrown his way. The Creator made no distinctions of caste among dogs, so remember, Lion, I lay this command upon you, for you are too apt to snub the little mongrels you meet. I repeat, show your breeding by humane courtesy; do not hurt their feelings because they merely lack a long pedigree; they may be possessed of nobler qualities of heart than we of noble stock. Never, Lion, when you have a master, betray that master's confidence: let him feel that though he cannot trust those about him, he can trust you.

"Again, and listen attentively, my little doggie, we mastiffs, though well aware of the advantage we have in size, are reputed to be as gentle and kindly as the tiniest terrier. Do not take advantage of your size by playing at frightening people, as I have seen big boys do to wee tots, but spread yourself as large as you like in your bearing towards the depredator. Your duties towards him who steals your master's goods will be, in a measure, lightened on account of your size; as your vigilance, if you follow the example