

with **DAVID**

By His Best Friend **SAM HYMAN**



DAVID AND HIS NEW PUPPY KULA are as close as two peas in a pod! Kula's growing up so fast it won't be very long before she's waist high!

Pretty soon the whole planeload was in there for the free David Cassidy concert, and we had a great time all the way across the country! Even the crew members and the co-pilot came in, and the whole plane was really rocking!

BETTER ALL THE TIME

Nobody could believe how good David was! A record, with a thousand people playing behind you, is one thing, but it really takes talent to sit there all by yourself at the piano and make great music!

I don't think David could have done it a year ago—at least not as well as he did it on that plane! He's really getting better all the time—and there's something really special on TV coming up... something you won't believe! I can't tell you yet, but it won't be long... and you'll hear about it first here!

We were both really eager to get home because someone was waiting for us there—someone you don't know about yet! No, David's not married, so you can relax, but there was someone new in the house waiting for us to get home and it is someone David

loves!

It's Kula! Kula is an English Setter puppy, all floppy and clumsy and neat, that I gave to David for his birthday in April. She's named after a place in Hawaii that David loves a lot and means "gold."

Ever since Sam died, people have been offering David dogs. We got hundreds of letters from people who wanted to give a puppy to David so he would stop feeling bad about Sam... but David wouldn't take any of them.

He was really touched that all those people cared enough to offer him something that neat, but Sam was just too special to him and he couldn't get behind the idea of another dog at all!

A BIG BOW

But I knew he really missed Sam, and so on his birthday I went and picked up Kula and tied a big bow around her and pushed her through the door of David's room while he was on the phone.

The pup walked around with this giant white bow on her practically forever before old alert noticed her, and

then he dropped the phone and ran over and hugged the dog! His face was all lit up, like a Christmas tree, and the puppy was wagging her tail so hard she fell over. David sat there and laughed for about 10 minutes, just hugging the puppy. I felt fantastic!

So now we've got three dogs: Sheesh, Willy, and Kula. Our little family is getting bigger and bigger, and David looks really happy!

Kula, who was 7 weeks old when I got her, has tripled in size in a few weeks, and I think she might eventually eat the house! David says in a few months we'll be feeding her by filling a car up with dog food and rolling it at her!

I guess that's about it for now. Remember to drop me a note if you like the column (if you don't, save your stamp) and let me know just what you'd like to read about.

See you soon, I hope. Keep yourself together!

Sam Hyman