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LETS HIM LEAD A NEAR NORMAL LIFE

Crippled Dog Gets Around In "Wheelchair"

A California dog lover who spent over \$1,500 at a pet hospital trying to correct his dog's spinal disc problem, finally found a way to give his crippled dog, Barney, mobility by building a "wheelchair" for the dog's rear end.

Ron Powell of Costa Mesa used lightweight aluminum bars and rods salvaged from a bicycle to make the frame of the wheelchair. A padded strap fastens it around his neck and his rear legs fit into

foam rubber "strirups". The bars are padded at rear to support most of the Barney's weight. Bicycle training wheels were just the right size for the little dog.

Barney uses his front legs for locomotion and to brake himself. He can get up and down over high curbs and other obstacles by himself.

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ALL EXPECTED TO SURVIVE

Shorthorn Cow Gives Birth To Quadruplets

A 13-year-old Shorthorn milk cow gave birth to quadruplets July 14 at the Lloyd Pope farm near Clear Lake, Iowa. All 4 calves are still healthy and expected to survive.

Pope says his vet told him the only other calf quadruplets he'd heard about were born 20 years ago in Tennessee. And, he says, no one remembers if those calves survived.

Pope's calves were born tiny, weighing only about 39 lbs. a week after birth. The calves made it through their early hours thanks to a neighbor who brought over fro-

zen Brown Swiss colostrum. Two of the calves also received blood transfusions of a pint each from their mother.

In the early weeks Pope, with the help of his family, fed one to two pints of milk to each calf every 6 hrs. The calves also nurse from their mother but there isn't enough milk there for all four. Pope notes that none of the calves are identical "twins". All have distinctly different markings.

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Wisconsin Cornstalk Sets New World Record

"It's going to be listed in the Guinness Book of World Records," says Wisconsin farmer Fred Muerman who grew a world record-breaking 22 1/4-ft. tall cornstalk last year on his Chetek, Wis., farm.

The towering stalk surpassed the previous record stalk of 20 ft., 1 1/2 in., grown by Howard Johnson, Anita, Iowa (See Vol. 8, No. 2). Muerman's record stalk got special treatment in a plot next to the house. He kept it watered and fertilized heavily, especially toward the end of the growing season. A long cane fishpole provided support for the growing stalk, which would not have been able to stand on its own. The stalk formed just one tiny ear that didn't mature.

Muerman has become an experienced giant corn grower the last two years. "Two years ago I grew a stalk 19 ft., 6 1/2 in. tall. And this year's stalk reached 12 ft., 6 in. on July 13 and 18 ft. by August 3rd. It has a good chance to surpass last year's record," he told FARM SHOW.

Muerman grew the lengthy stalk as part of a competition sponsored by a local Funk seed corn dealer, Myron Mommsen, Rice Lake, Wis. Mommsen has sponsored the contest for the past three years, distributing several kernels of a special variety of giant seed corn to all participants. The tall-growing variety, labeled "Jala Valley", originates in Peru and is used by Funk seed growers to mark plots.

Mommsen says Jala Valley cornstalks make an interesting topic for conversation as they shoot up during the relatively short Wisconsin growing season. He says Jala Valley is probably a 180-day maturing variety while most varieties in the area run 90 to 100 days. "It's grows unusually in that a tall stalk like Fred Muerman's grew 7 sets of brace roots. The tallest set was 6 ft. up in the air at maturity," he notes.

Mommsen still has some Jala Valley seed



The seed that produced the tall-growing stalk originated in Peru.

left and will sell a small sample for \$1.

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