

DAN, THE PYRMONT FIRE BRIGADE'S MASCOT

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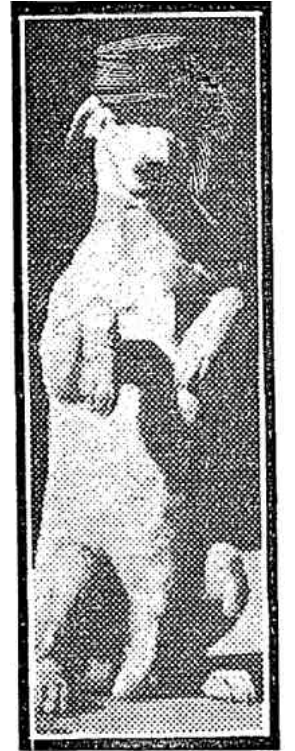
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Dan, the mascot, and companion of the members of the Pyrmont Fire Brigade ... as he sits on the seat of the motor fire-engine, with his cap on his head and watching you out of the corner of his eye, you would almost swear like was asking you if he looked all right. As the Sunday Times man walked through the doorway at the station the other day, Dan came forward and offered the pressman his right foot, thereby indicating that he had no objection to being interviewed and photographed.

Dan is a fox-terrier, nine months old. In that short time he seems to have kept his eyes and ears to know all the duties pertaining to the work of a fireman. Dan's mother lived for two years in the Redfern Fire Station, from which, as a pup, he was transferred to his present home.

Dan has his own place on the motor engine, just as every other member of the brigade has. His position is between Captain Riddell and the driver, and the moment an alarm is given he promptly jumps upon the engine, and impatiently waits for the command to go. Like the firemen, 'he is always ready, and goes with the engine day or night. Once at the scene of the fire he follows his comrades right into the very teeth of danger'.

One of the firemen has made him a little cap, and this hangs on the wall beneath the helmets of his comrades. At the command of his instructor, Dan fetches his cap and mounts the engine, where he will sit while the cap is placed on his head.



DAN.