

LIVING WITH THE DOG

At grooming time expect a rush
as he rejects both comb and brush.
He first ignores the grooming kit,
then leaps to life avoiding it.

He never seems to get his fill
of kibble, bones or doggie treats.
Considering the way he eats
why won't he take his little pill?

His barking is a common scene.
His yips are on our phone machine.
The only chat he can't do yet
is e-mail on the Internet.

The gate is shut; we're safe inside.
Despite the fence surrounding us
he still will bark and make a fuss,
but it is just his Scottish pride.

What good is he, some people say,
if all he does is bark that way?
I answer that he'll always be
our best Homeland Security."

by Lee Netzler