YAP favors big bark for Provo

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“A bark, not an echo!” “Write in the underdog!” “Don’t waste your vote!” “Provo for Senator!” “PROVO LIVES!!!”

So sounds a small sample from the rabidly increasing chorus greeting the rise of a bright new star (Sirius, of course) in the bleak, black night of Texas politics: Provo the Pooch, write-in candidate for the United States Senate.

How can this be? A mutt running for the Senate? Why would a sane dog do such a thing? The answers to these questions are to be found cross-town at the University of Houston, where the national headquarters of the Young Americans for Provo (YAP) is located.

Provo Explicit

According to Robert Wren, YAP barksman and sometime English prof, the Curageous Canine was provo-keed into seeking office by the growing pawsibility that Waggoner Carr and John Tower (The Democratic and Republican nominees) are the same man. In contrast to his supposedly human opponents, Provo has established an explicit platform, covering all of the vital issues of the day.

For example, she (that’s right, she) promises, if elected, to conduct an extended tour of the Far East, including Hawaii and Viet Nam, for her staff and YAP leaders. She is definitely in favor of Viet Nam.

Draft Dogger?

On the question of George Hamilton and the U. S. Army, she feels that under no circumstances should dogs be drafted. She is against all forms of ear-pulling, and opposes dog-eat-dog foreign policy.

Provo has equally provocative ideas on such local controversies as air pollution, Houston’s famous Gulf sign, and civic improvements.

She feels that air pollution is understood by very few dogs and that all cities should have dog-eye-level signs warning that “Breathing city air may be harmful to your health.” Dogs, Provo poignantly points out, are the innocent victims of humankind’s drive toward self-destruction.

Gulf Too Large

The Gulf sign, Provo claims, is not only too tall, but also far too large to be used effectively by even a male dog. Along these same lines, she favors city beautification through increased tree planting because a survey by paid political polster Louis “Fuzzy” Hairis indicates that dogs prefer trees to fire plugs, 4 to 1.

The Provo band-waggin’ officially gets rolling tomorrow evening with a political rally (complete with catcalls) at 10:00 pm, at Old Market Square, pending approval from the Houston City Council. Rally round the wag, boys!

According to Wren, activity in Provo’s behalf shouldn’t tail off when the fur-flying increases as election eve draws near. In fact, he feels Provo has a fair chance to get elected: “After all, Provo is a good dog—can Carr or Tower say as much?”

Asked to comment on rumors that LBJ is coming to Texas to campaign for Carr and/or Tower just to keep dogs out of public office, Wren simply winked and cited the Bark of Avon’s immortal words:

Let Hercules himself do what he may,
The cat will mew and the dog will have his day.