

# Kid's KOrner



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## Plan ahead before taking Rover on trips

If your mom and dad are planning a summer vacation away from the farm and you just have to bring your dog along, do him or her a favor and read these tips:

Unless your pet is accustomed to riding, it should be preconditioned to travel before you start any long trips. Many animals do not travel well, while others are excellent travel companions.

To assure that traveling with a pet will be fun, prepare for the trip in advance.

Have your pet's booster shots up-to-date. This will protect the animal from disease. Obtain a health certificate, and take it with you, in case it is requested during your travel.

Take two collars: a leather collar with license, and a choke chain with ID tags, in case your pet is lost or strays. A muzzle may also come in handy.

If needed, take tranquilizers or special medication from your own veterinarian.

Also, take your pet's favorite food for the entire trip. This will help to prevent digestive upsets from dietary changes that travel excitement can cause.

To reduce the chance of car sickness, feed your pet in the evenings. It is a good idea to remove the pet's water at bedtime.

Exercise your pet during travel. Exercise in the mornings, and throughout the day at rest stops.

Pets locked in cars in the sun on hot, humid days are subject to heat stroke and suffocation. When pets are left in the car, park in the shade and leave the windows open slightly for ventilation.

Pets that enjoy riding can be good travel companions if you anticipate their needs, and prepare for them ahead of time.

## Battling the bark

Doubtless you've heard the expression "his bark is worse than his bite." For someone spending a sleepless night listening to your dog howling, nothing could be truer.

Barking is a dog's normal response to a variety of circumstances. How long or how vigorously a particular dog will bark depends on the situation and the dog's breeding.

Terriers or crossbred terriers, for example, are generally nervous, rather high strung and full of energy. They may work off excess energy by barking, especially if they don't receive enough exercise. Other breeds like the Norwegian elkhound, bred years ago to protect herds and property, bark to defend their homes from intruders, including birds, squirrels and the like.

Boredom is the main reason for long periods of senseless barking. A dog left alone indoors for hours at a time has little to do and will bark in the hope of attracting attention and companionship. It can respond to the telephone or the sound of people in an apartment hallway with an hour or more of nonstop noise.

Even more annoying is the night barker. This dog usually has slept all day and has excessive energy left over at bedtime. In such cases, a hard run at nightfall may help the dog become tired enough to sleep.

Anything you can do to provide some distraction while you're away for long periods can help control a barking dog. Some pets respond to a few new toys. Others are comforted by the sound of the television.

A major part of the solution is to let your dog know that he cannot bark indiscriminately and get

away with it "Informing" your dog will require time and effort on your part.

The next time your dog begins to bark at the wrong time, reprimand (Turn to Page C14)

## Dogs can be your best friend

A dog on a farm is more than just a watch dog and a cow dog, he or she is also a pet, a companion and a playmate. And as your playmate, she is under your care most of the

time. So give her the best care and love you can because, (to restate an old cliché) a dog can be everybody's best friend.



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DOGS WERE THE FIRST WILD ANIMALS TO BE TAMED. THE CAVEMEN HAD TAME DOGS THOUSANDS OF YEARS AGO. MANY SCIENTISTS BELIEVE THAT THE WILD ANCESTORS OF THE DOGS WERE WOLVES. FOSSILS OF 30-MILLION-YEAR OLD "DOGS" SHOW THAT THEY WERE VERY MUCH LIKE THOSE TODAY. THE "CYNODICTIS" A DOG-LIKE MAMMAL EXISTED 40 MILLION YEARS AGO.

