

## Australian Shepherds Make Good Dogs For Kids



DENVER (Lancaster Co.) -Like all dog lovers, Yvette Parkinson of Denver thinks her dogs are the best. She raises Australian Shepherds and she can't stop bragging about them.

She said, "Australian Shepherds are the number one family dog. They are so playful and all they want is to be loved."

She claims that the dogs grin and their little back ends wiggle like mad when they are happy.

Yvette has been raising Australian Shepherds for three years. She sells them to people who show them, use them for herding livestock, and those who just want a pet.

Most of her dogs have blue eyes, but some have amber and some have mixed colored eyes.

The breed has a variety of coat colors. The blue merle (bluish grey) with blue eyes is usually the preferred for those who like to show dogs. But the dogs may be red merle or solid red or solid black or a mixture of black, white and copper. The coat color often becomes darker as the dogs become older, but the color stops changing when the dogs are one ycar old.

Yvette is always careful not to breed a merle-colored dog to another merle colored dog because a gene could cause deafness, blindness, and sterility.

The litters usually are from four to nine dogs. Yvette has a litter of seven and a litter of nine now.

The Australian Shepherd breed is registered with the National Stock Dog Registry, because they are working dogs. Many farmers like Australian Shepherds to herd their sheep, cattle or horses.

Those who don't need the dogs for herding find them the ideal house pet. Yvette has a friend who



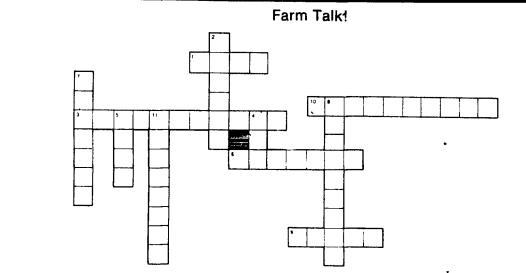
owns a day care center and an Australian Shepherd. The dog follows the children everywhere.

to greet you when you come home," Yvette said. Call (215) 267-6857, for more

"It feels so nice to have a puppy

information.









## Questions:

- 1 What place has the most accidents?
- 2 What do we promote?
- 3 A group of concerned people promoting safety are called an\_
- 4 How many people ride on a tractor?
- 5 & 6 All farm machinery must have a \_ moving sign while on a road
- What piece of machinery is involved in most machinery accidents?
- 8 Many accidents occur because of tractor
- 9 Children playing with matches cause
- 10 Hard hats goggles safety boots are called clothing
- 11 Many people get caught in moving parts because of loose