



Caring for your faithful friends...

## Our top pet care questions

Watch the "Faithful Friends" show

Be sure to check your local listings for Dr. Foster Smith's new "Faithful Friends" show. From news stories from expert guests like Maddie Madge, who has been a mission-ready K9 handler since 1990. She has held the position of Lieutenant in charge of training and public relations on the Butte County California Search and Rescue (SAR) Team. Maddie says, "There are now SAR trained dogs on the SAR Team that have been rescued. These dogs go on from being rescued to help find out how you and your dog can be involved in SAR. check with your local Sheriff's office or SAR Team or Public Safety office."



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**1** In the spring, my dog seems to scratch and itch more often. How can I control his allergies?

Now research has shown that certain fatty acids—the Omega-3 fatty acids—are very beneficial in the treatment of allergies in dogs. Omega-3 fatty acids work on the skin to help reduce the allergic and itchy effects of histamine and other chemicals that are released in response to allergens.



Maximum Relief Allergy Aid

**2** My dog gets overly excited and barks or whimpers excessively. How can I calm him?

Be patient with your dog and yourself. Changing behavior takes a lot of time. To control excessive barking and whimpering, you need your dog to be able to relax and enjoy. The dog needs to look at you for help and cues. It's not just the dog's attitude you are well on the way to solving the problem.



Calm Dog Spray

**3** How would I know if my dog has heartworms?

Dogs that show decreased appetite, loss of weight, and weakness often have the signs of the disease as a result. Some will accumulate fluid in their abdomen; that makes them look pot-bellied. The only way to know for sure is an annual blood test performed by your veterinarian.



Heartgard Plus

**4** In the springtime, my dog plays outside more. How can I safeguard against ticks and fleas?

Flea, tick and flea control by spring, tick and flea control is ever a round problem. A general recommendation is to select products with Pyrethrins, one of the most widely used insecticides in flea and tick products. Pyrethrins are natural extracts made from flowers of chrysanthemum plants.



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