

Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, three editors and a women's editor. Each article is a summary of a family disagreement presented to the Council. The Council deals with problems, major and minor, encountered by guidance counselors and social workers. Edited by Mrs. Alma Denny. (Copyright by General Features Corp.)

Joan B. - If he doesn't care for his pets, we'll give them away.

Bella V. - You can't expect a child to take full responsibility.

Joan B. - We have a 10-year-old son who claims he's in love with the whole animal kingdom. But if love means "caring for", he can't really mean it. Because we believed him, we bought him a turtle, some white mice, and a cocker spaniel puppy.

I have two other children and now that the baby is on her feet, I thought I'd be able to resume my piano lessons and catch up with other postponed projects. All I waited for was to get my hands out of the diaper pail, so that I could get nice manicures and stay presentable. But now, after the diapers, come cages to clean, fish bowls to change, and a muddy puppy to wipe up after.

Marc promised to take care of his pets himself. I knew I'd have to help, but I have no desire to do the whole job. I'm not that fond of them. I'm ready to give them away if he doesn't take over.

Bella V. - I'm Marc's aunt. Joan's sister-in-law. My heart goes out to Marc because of his mother's distaste for his pets. He's only a child and, naturally, he forgets a feeding once in a while or he lets the dog in too soon. Joan should feel that the creatures are hers, too, not just Marc's. And she shouldn't threaten that she'll give them away if he doesn't take 100 per cent charge of them. Marc and the other children adore the pets.

Our own daughter is an only child, and we tried to make sure she'd never be lonely. She has an Irish setter, a rabbit, hamsters, tropical fish and parakeets. Even though I care for them most of the time, our child helps, and I enjoy seeing her happiness. Besides, our home is the gathering place of all the pet-lovers on the block and life is never dull. I'm begging Joan to give Marc the same pleasures.

The Council: Whenever we deal with the subject of pets, we receive eloquent, even tear-jerking, mail describing the joys of having a helpless "critter" around to love and shelter. If the problem involves lack of space, a letter will be signed, "Mother of six in five rooms and always a dog, now two dogs." If it's a question of parental distaste, we hear from animal lovers who decry adult selfishness. "A little dog can build a big love," wrote one reader. "A child has only a few precious years to grow up. It's your privilege to give him all the wonderful memories you can."

No argument here. We'll confine our remarks to assessing what would be a fair demand for Joan to make of Marc (something under 100 per cent responsibility) so that he can keep his pets and she, her wits. (And in the spirit of things - could-be-worse, we can tell Joan to be glad Marc hasn't entered the Please-get-me-a-horse stage! Please horses, says a memo at hand, cost from \$100 for a plug to over \$20,000 for the highly schooled dressage type. Then comes riding equipment, board and feed, blacksmiths and vets.)

Pets play several roles in a child's life. With Marc, they are dumb creatures to love and be loved by (if there's a turtle-love!). They're companions, defenders, champions, and satisfying audience for orations and stunts. They make him feel mighty important. And the price of all that must be work. Yes, pets mean responsibility. We would remind Aunt Bella that Marc can't simply claim the fun of having pets, and leave the "dirty work" to his mother.

On the other hand, we'd beseech Joan not to expect seriously that a 10-year-old will heed every line of the Manual of Instructions every day! We suggest that she work out a fair division-of-labor clause, with Marc carrying the giant share (cage-cleaning, water-changing, dog-walking), but Mom seeing that the patient animals are fed. She may not be that fond of them, but she's that fond of her son.

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