

My Ruff Report

A Journal for You and Your Dog

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You are on vacation and you have left your beloved dog, Fido, in the seemingly competent care of your neighbor's 16-year-old son. You and the neighbor's son think this is a swell arrangement, but Fido thinks otherwise. During a visit by the neighbor's son, Fido makes his break. Would your 16-year-old frantic dog sitter know where he might find Fido? Where Fido's closest dog-buddy lives? Who might he call (beside you) to help find your beloved dog?

He would if he had the help of *My Ruff Report*, a clean and comprehensive compilation of all the “gotta know” essentials of dog ownership and “what to do” directives for those less than ideal conditions. More than just an informational journal, *My Ruff Report* is a saucy and savvy emergency planner, as well as a pet sitter's bible. It's also a friendly reminder of all the things that are easily forgotten when our best pals become such indisputable family members that we nearly forget they are there.

Heartwarming illustrated by Glen Corbett, *My Ruff Report* is a classic reflection of the author's lighthearted love of her canine companions. With canine experience and dog training that spans more than 20 years, author Mare Shey understands the important precept that notes are necessary. Created as a written journal, *My Ruff Report* asks questions (and allows space for answers) that will assist any dog guardian in addressing the complex ins and outs of your best friend's personality, physical needs and special likes and dislikes.

Complete with puppy starter kits, *My Ruff Report* covers subjects from top 10 puppy essentials and the ever-misunderstood concept of crate training to valuable information on barking, chewing and biting issues. Not to be overlooked are “dogs just want to play” reminders and insights. In *My Ruff Report*, Shey gives dog caregivers that little extra nuzzle of help that we all need to protect the health and well-being of our canine companions. Oh yes, one last reminder from the author: Use pencil. Things change. When you return from vacation, you may just find that Fido has found a new neighbor dog he prefers to hang with—something the next sitter just might need to know.

My Ruff Report is available at *The Curiosity Shop, Newport Avenue Market, Bend Pet Express in Bend or High Desert Gallery is Sisters.* <http://www.dancinwoofs.com>