



acquet Club

(Just N. of 13-Mile Rd.)

There's a long summer ahead and we have loads of books, games and activities for little folks.

> the thunderbird toy shop in bloomfield plaza maple at telegraph

Roving with Rover

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"Your dog is also 'crate safe' in your motel room when you are out. Protect both your pet and maid, should she suddenly enter the room. Dogs have been known to run away into a strange countryside when the maid has opened a motel room door.

"When you stop for lunch or dinner, the pet can be left in the crate with the car windows open for full ventilation, under a shady tree. Overheated cars and heat prostration are all too common, The cool of the morning becomes the heat of the afternoon, and the car heats up in a hurry."

Mrs. Dittman suggests pet owners make lunch stops a snack break for their dog too. "Give him a good run, and allow him a treat before you put him back in the car. The exercise will allow him to stretch his muscles, and the treat will take the edge off his hunger until you arrive at your destination and give him his regular full meal."

She also cautions that a pet should not have a full meal for at least one hour before traveling.

"Other equipment must

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include a water bowl and feeding dish. An unbreakable stainless steel bowl is light, easy to clean and store. However, if the pet's usual dish can travel, the familiarity of it will add to the pet's sense of security in unfamiliar surroundings.

A strong leash, a good leather buckle collar, with a securely fastened, complete identification tag, is also a necessary requirement. Dogs running at large in strange areas, no matter how well trained, often fail to respond to commands.

"Add a roll of paper towels to his bath towel and blanket list. A scooper and plastic bags should also be included in the dog's tavel kit to clean up after your pet on motel or camp grounds

Several weeks before you plan to travel, get your dog ready. A veterinary checkup is good insurance against sudden illness. Bring distemper booster shots and rabies shots up to date. Carry health vaccination certificates, signed by a veterinarian, with you for your own protection in case of an inadvertent dog bite.

If you plan to visit Can-

ada, or Mexico, you will need these certificates to cross the border. Vaccination should be within 12 months and the certificate should state the vaccine used and also a description of the pet. If your pet is inclined to become car sick, or extremely nervous, ask your veterinarian for medication.

Decide on your feeding schedule. Your veterinarian can recommend the best diet for the trip based on the dog's age and weight. Switch from the pet's regular at-home feeding schedule slowly. Give your pet at least two weeks to get accustomed to a new diet. Don't forget the can open-

This done, you are almost ready to go. Plan ahead for reservations at motels and campgrounds; some accept pets and some do not. Several travel guides, including Mobil and AAA, list motels and campsites which allow pets. They are published by region and list places of interest and restaurants, as well as housing, to make the trip more interesting.

Campers will find that the U.S. Dept. of Parks and state park services list park campsites which allow pets.



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