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**Thor:** This 2-year-old male-neutered Shepherd mix is a smart dog and eager to learn. His previous owners never paid him much attention. Because he was alone most of the time and is afraid of other animals, he would do best in a home without pets. Thor (No. R67995) and other pets are available at the Michigan Humane Society Rochester Hills Shelter, 3600 Auburn Road (313)852-7420, noon to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

# Here are some tips on computer disk care

(NAPS) — Here are some tips for taking care of your computer disks from the Consumer Electronics Manufacturers Association.

■ Buy storage containers to protect your disks which are susceptible to magnetic fields and can be accidentally erased or damaged if not stored properly. Disk storage cases are available for all types of disks and can be bought at most consumer electronics retailers.

■ To make disks last longer, heed these precautions:

Write on the disk label before you attach it to the disk.

Once the label is attached, write on it with a felt-tip pen, not a ball-point.

Don't cover any jacket holes when you attach the label.

Don't touch the magnetic surface.

Don't bend the disk or attach notes to it with paper clips.

Don't force the disk into the disk drive.

Don't put magnets on the disk and keep disks at least three inches away from magnetic fields such as stereo or

TV speakers or transformers, even if the disks are in a storage case.

Don't leave a disk in direct sunlight.

Don't smoke around your disks.

Don't place anything on top of disks (tools, books, etc.).

Don't expose disks to extreme hot or cold temperatures. If you do, leave them at room temperature at least two hours before using.

■ If chocolate, correction fluid or other non-water-soluble liquids spill on your disk, contact the manufacturer for advice on removing them. Inserting contaminated disks into your computer may damage the disk drive.

■ To protect disks from the static electricity and other adverse conditions during mailing, use special disk-mailing envelopes lined with foam.

Beyond taking care of your disks, regularly clean your disk drive. Check your computer's instruction manual. The manufacturer may recommend a head cleaning kit which is usually available from retailers who sell and service your brand.

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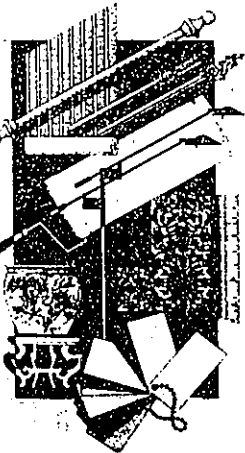
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