

# RADIO ROUNDUP

a collection of features, oddities,  
and helpful tips



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## GROWING UP WITH PETS

A PET CAN BE MORE THAN A WARM, FURRY OR FEATHERED FRIEND THAT GREETES YOU WHEN YOU RETURN HOME. GROWING UP WITH PETS CAN BE GOOD FOR A CHILD'S HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT, CONTRIBUTE TO A CHILD'S SELF-ESTEEM AND CONVEY LESSONS ABOUT RESPONSIBILITY AND COMPASSION. PET OWNERSHIP HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH BETTER GRADES AT SCHOOL AND BETTER SOCIAL SKILLS—IT CAN BE AN ALL-AROUND POSITIVE EXPERIENCE. TO MAKE SURE IT STAYS A POSITIVE EXPERIENCE, PARENTS SHOULD CAREFULLY CHOOSE A PET THAT IS RIGHT FOR THE FAMILY'S HOME AND LIFESTYLE. A HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN KIDS AND PETS ALSO MEANS KEEPING PETS HEALTHY, ESPECIALLY PREVENTING PARASITES THAT MAY TRANSMIT DISEASES TO CHILDREN. THERE ARE FIVE KEY PARASITES THAT POSE A THREAT TO A DOG'S HEALTH, AND SOME CAN TRANSMIT DISEASE FROM PETS TO CHILDREN. THE PARASITES INCLUDE HEARTWORMS, ROUNDWORMS, HOOKWORMS, WHIPWORMS AND FLEAS. WITH EFFECTIVE PARASITE PREVENTIVES, GOOD HYGIENE AND COMMON SENSE, PARENTS CAN KEEP PETS AND THE FAMILY SAFE AND HEALTHY. FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [W-W-W--DOT--GROWING-UP-WITH-PETS--DOT--COM](http://W-W-W--DOT--GROWING-UP-WITH-PETS--DOT--COM).