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Dear
MICHELLE

Advice for Kids



(NAPSA) — Hi, Michelle Tanner here. That's right, the same Michelle Tanner from "Full House." I write an advice column called "Dear Michelle" in my school newspaper. It's so popular that now it's in *your* newspaper too. How cool is that?!

So if you need help with school, friends, pets or just about anything else, remember I'm here to give you advice. What makes me an expert? Well, I'm a kid so I know how kids feel. And when you live in a full house with three dads, two sisters, a cool aunt, twin babies and a big dog, you learn pretty quickly how to get along with others.

Who has the next question?

Dear Michelle:

I really, really, really want a dog but my parents won't let me get one. They say I'm not responsible enough to take care of a dog. How can I convince them I am?

**Signed,
Petless and Clueless**

Dear Petless:

Stop being clueless and maybe you won't be petless any more. The answer could be right in front of your face. You have to show your parents you are responsible. Here's the plan.

Step 1: Figure out why your parents think you are not responsible. Do you forget to hand in your homework? Are you late a lot? Do you leave stuff all over your room? (Oops! I do that.)

Step 2: Make a list of the things that really bother your parents.

Step 3: Make a deal with your folks. Ask them if they will agree to let you have a dog if you can prove you can be responsible for three months. Then show them your list. Tell them from now on, they won't have to remind you about the things on the list—because you are going to be totally responsible. Good luck!

And that's my advice,

Michelle

Do you need some advice—or want to ask me a question? I may be able to answer you in one of my future columns! I wish I could answer all of your letters, but I get too many! I would still love to hear from you. Write to me, Michelle, at: Dear Michelle, c/o HarperEntertainment, 10 East 53rd Street, New York, NY 10022.

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