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DEAR DOCTOR: My dog
hyperactive. If I get him neutered hyperactive. If get him neutered,
will he calm down? He is a little over one year old.
ANSWER: Neutering a male will not cause a change in his basic
personality. If he is aggressive and personality. If he is aggressive and
tends to roam away from home, neutering will help; but it will not make a calm, docile pet out of one that is brimming over with energy.
Time and maturity will be mer likely to calm your pet than will surgery. Be certain that you are not causing unwanted excitement by your behavior toward the dog. When you greet him when arriving him and rough him excited to see greet him with a calm verbal reeting and then go about your business? Your pet will get clues about how to act by the way you DEAR DOCTOR.
Irish Setter who insists upon sleep Irish Setter who insists upon sleep-
ing on the sofa. We've tried everything, but nothing seems to
help. We even put up boxes on the

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 sofa but he pushes them off. Help! ANSWER: So much of the behavior our pets exhibit startswhen they are puppies. The time to set rules of behavier for time to when you first get them. Stopping unwanted behavior in the older pet
is more difficult than stopping the is more difficult than stopping the
behavior in a puppy
If you scold the pet when you But, more likely it will it will help. jump off the sofa when you to pear. To stop him from getting on the sofa, try putting mouse traps on the sofa. Set them so they are him with shap shut and then cover him with a single thickness of
newspaper. When he jumps on the sofa he will get a harmless surprise. Don't expect one experience to solve the problem; keep after him.
DEAR DOCTOR: How often should I groom my cat?
ANSWER: You should
your cat's coat as often as needed to prevent the hair from matting or tangling. Short-haired cats groom
themselves well and rarely need to be combed or brushed unless they become soiled or have fleas. If they have fleas, use a flea powder or spray and continue frequent grooming.
Long-ha groomed aired cats often must be groir from every day to prevent the
haing completely matted. Each spring, veterinarians see cats that must be anesthetized austom your cat mats. Acgrooming so that it doesn't resist when grooming is needed. It is far easier to prevent mats and tangles with frequent grooming than to remove them.
Editor's Note: This column is North Carolina Veterinary Medical Association. If you have a question about your pet's health, send it to Ralph H. Lee, Executive Director, NCVMA,
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## LD help distant, Carolina Tel. warns

Although cost-cutting competition among long-distance telephone companies is gradually
coming to Eastern Carolina coming to Eastern Carolina, customers need not for a long time
expect "equal access," says G.T Pate, director of corporate com munications with Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company.
With With equal access, customers of competing long-distance com-
panies can dial the same number of panies can dial the same number o
digits to make long-distance calls. To further long-distance com petition, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has man
dated that Bell companies which dated that Bell companies which
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Bell System make equal access
available to competitors of their former parent com
by September, 1986
Without equal access, customers of AT\&T competitors must dial several digits more to make long-
distance calls than do AT\&T distance calls than do AT\&T
customers.
Pate said, "The FCC order did not apply to local telephone companies that were not part of the former Bell System; however, equal access available to the local network in many of our locations for AT\&T competitors if it were requested of us.
will be made since the request companies are now fighting for
market share in larger cities, and are not inte
populated areas
"Presently, long-distance petition in Carolina Telephone's service area is occurring in and Fayetteviller population areas Kernersville, Gibsonville, Mount, communities around Raleigh the as Wake Forest, Clayton, Angier and Fuquay-Varina.
"Equal access has not been requested by any of the long-distance
companies in any of these areas.

Equal access is a market-driven feature. When the long-distance carriers in these areas want it, we'll


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