

# Give the dog a bone, but don't bring Spot home

Columnist claims that Elon students are too busy to share Elon's oaks with their pets

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Living with nine other people in a relatively small space can be tough as it is without a pet.

The pressures of sharing space, being respectful of people's schedules and keeping a clean living area can be difficult to agree on. Now add a small (but very cool) little puppy.

## Feature Analysis

Saying no to a cute little lab puppy at the pound is almost impossible, but we should have the sense to understand the difficulties and pressures that comes with a pet.

As the ten of us found out last year, it's nearly impossible to do. The campus policy of not allowing students to have pets in campus housing is based in health concerns for both the students living with the animal and the animal itself.

After having a pet on campus last year, Elon's pet policy could not make more sense.

Your life in college is one that is greatly self-consumed in your problems and concerns, and constricted to a very small living space. It is often hard to remember to take care

of your everyday problems and needs, let alone an animals needs.

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals agrees, which is why it generally does not allow those residing in campus housing to adopt animals for fear students will ultimately abandon or neglect them.

Most students are busy and do not have a lot of time or money to devote to a pet. Besides, having pets on campus can be problematic because of noise and allergies. The puppy our flat had last year was constantly needing something: to be played with, to be walked, to be cleaned up after and be fed. In addition to all these daily duties for having an animal, finding time and people to assume these duties are tough.

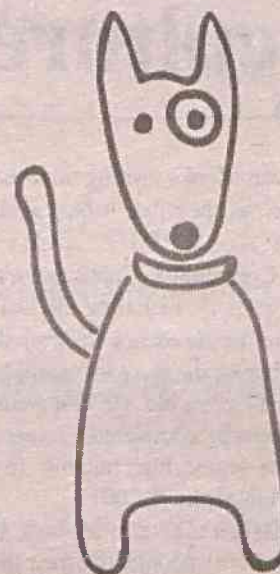
Each person had his own schedule and activities, and finding someone to watch the little monster was next to impossible. Besides, who wants to spend their free time taking a Swifter to clean up an accident the puppy had in the hallway? On top of all that, who knew one roommate had a strong intolerance to dog hair?

Please don't get me wrong, I loved that dog. It was fun to play with for the occasional hour on a Saturday or whenever. Animals can be a wonderful addition to a home, but make sure you are ready and able to have one.

Ultimately, we found a great home for the puppy and it

is now happy and well cared for. But, for that few weeks that we had the dog in our flat life was in chaos and filled with the scent of puppy.

Pets are great things to have, but are probably not the best idea for college students.



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# How to pack correctly wherever you are heading

As fall break approaches, find out what you should bring and what you should leave on your travels

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The week we've all been waiting for has finally arrived. With the leaves changing and summer officially over, fall break is an exciting time to visit friends from home, travel and simply relax.

Although fall break is only a couple of days, it will be worth it once you get to see your family, high school friends and most of all your "big room."

Regardless of your plans for break there are a few essentials you should always remember when traveling.

Try to find the perfect traveling bag. When deciding between the huge suitcase, classic shoulder bag or the easy, all-purpose bag remember to bring only the necessities. With fall break being so short, pack light because you will be spending money and bringing back more than you bargained for.

To all of you going home this fall break, make sure you put some of those summer clothes

away and bring out those fall ones because the autumn season is approaching fast.

This season requires more than just the classic look, it marks a turning point in the world of fashion. If you didn't already know, the "it" colors from last season are "out" and reformed into bigger and better trends.

Fall break also presents a good time to go shopping. Grab Mom or a friend and head out to the mall.

This will not only provide some quality time with those you've been away from, but also allow you to see some new fall fashion!

Being comfortable yet, versatile is huge this season and while on your much needed vacation shopping can help to calm your nerves.

And while you're at home, don't forget to get a taste of that "good ol'" home-cooking. Try to spend at least some time with your parents and relatives. They miss you.

Try to take a break from studying and practice some stress relievers and time management skills. Juggling so many activities, homework and maintaining a social life, can be huge strains so relax.

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## Five useful tips for a successful fall break:

1. Relax, Relax, Relax.
2. Take care of yourself.
3. Shopping can be a means of therapy and keeping up with the fashion trends this season.
4. Bring back warmer clothes for the fall and the winter.
5. Drivers: Check your oil and the weather.



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