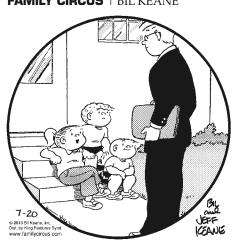
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DEAR ABBY: My family has had our dog "Pouncer" for 10 years. He was originally bought to be a "family" dog, but I am the one who feeds and takes care of him. Because of that he sleeps with me and licks and obeys

When I say Pouncer is my dog, the rest of

my family chews me out and insists he is the family's dog, not mine. Don't you think I have the right to call him my dog? WILLIE IN WEST VIRGINIA

DEAR WILLIE: I think this is less a question about ownership than it is about tact. Because you are the one who feeds and takes care of Pouncer, and he sleeps with you and obeys only you — in that sense, he IS your dog. But unless you are the only one paying for his food and veterinary bills and the roof over his head, Pouncer is also the family's dog. Remember that and you'll get chewed out less often.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have been married more than 20 years. Her best friend from childhood, "Jill," and her husband, "Jack," are two of our closest

On a recent visit to their home in another state, Jack made a pass at my wife. He said he'd always had a crush on her and asked her to go to our hotel room and have sex while the rest of us were at an amusement park. She refused.

We cut our vacation short and left for home immediately. She told me about it after we got home, concerned that if she said anything while we were there, a confrontation would have ensued. To date, Jill knows nothing about what occurred.

My wife asked me not to say anything until $% \left\{ 1,2,\ldots ,n\right\}$ she decides what to do. She's concerned that if she tells Jill, the friendship will be over. On the other hand, if nothing is said, she will be hiding a guilty secret from Jill, which will probably damage the friendship.

Should my wife tell her friend? Should I call Jack and confront him one-on-one? Or should

we do nothing? — UPSET HUSBAND IN NEW

DEAR UPSET HUSBAND: The friendship has already been damaged thanks to the husband's inappropriate behavior. What you and your wife must now decide is whether he has caused a permanent estrangement.

If you both agree you can look beyond his boorish lapse in light of the length of the long friendship, then by all means call Jack and tell him how you feel about what he did. And when you do, make it plain that if it happens again, you and your wife will discuss it with Jill TOGETHER.

DEAR ABBY: My sisters and brothers and I don't speak and haven't in five years. When I pass, I have a list of people who will be welcome at my services. If someone's name is not on the list, they will be asked to leave. I want my children and some of my grandchildren there, but no one else. Do you think I am wrong? — TROU-BLED IN TEXAS

DEAR TROUBLED: No, I don't. Your wishes are your wishes. However, it is sad when families feud and, at the end, things that should be said are left unspoken.

One would hope that anyone who comes to your funeral would be there to support your children and grandchildren, or to pay last respects. I think it would be rude to ask someone who came to leave. A better way to handle it would to specify in the funeral announcement that services will be for "your children only" and for further information people should contact a person you designate to carry out your wishes.

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

EDITOR'S NOTE: Bigar's Stars is based on the degree of your sun at birth. The sign name is simply a label astrologers put on a set of degrees for convenience. For best results, readers should refer to the dates following each sign.

A baby born today has a Sun in Cancer and a Moon in Sagittarius if born before 11:39 a.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Capricorn.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, JULY 20, 2013:

This year you are likely to have a major breakthrough. You will want to clear out what no longer works in your life in the next eight months. Next spring, you will enter a new life cycle, which will be fortunate. The period before is for assessment and completion. If you are single, be a little wary of anyone you might meet before spring. This person might be hiding part of his or her personality. If you are attached, plan on taking a very special vacation that you both have wanted to take for a while. You also might decide to go away together as a couple

more often. CAPRICORN can be challenging. The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-

Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult **ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19)**

★★★★ You might find that, after the recent confusion, everything can be resolved. Your ability to sense what others are feeling will emerge. If you want to clear up a misunderstanding, speak up. Learn to follow your intuition more often. Tonight: Do not allow your temper to take over

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

**** You could be touchier than you realize. Be smart -- if you become triggered, take a walk or do some other type of activity in order to detach. Once vou are relaxed, vou can clear up a misunderstanding. Try to avoid using sarcasm.

Tonight: Go off to the movies or a concert. **GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)**

★★★★ You would be well-advised to clear the air and have a long-overdue conversation with someone. Your ability to accomplish this will depend on your listening skills and whether you can accept the possibility that you misread a situation. Tonight: Go off to a favorite restaurant.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ You easily could feel sarcastic and angry, but you might not be sure why. It might be a good idea for you not to say anything for a while. Listen to your instincts. First, find out what is bothering you. From there, you can decide on a course of action. Tonight: Defer to a loved one.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ Your creativity could be channeled into making plans. Play it low-key, and you will find a

natural opening to have a long-overdue discussion. You might find that your temper suddenly comes forward. Calm down before verbalizing your thoughts. Tonight: Do not push any harder.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ You might want to understand what is going on with a roommate. A late brunch with this person could give you an escape from some recent pressure. A partner might be up for a conversation; make sure you are up for it as well. Return calls and emails. Tonight: Ever playful.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ Establish plans and return calls in the morning. Spend time with a family member whom you have not seen in a while. This could be a wonderful day to go to the water park with a child. By escaping your environment, you'll get a chance to gain a new perspective. Tonight: Order in.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

 $\star\star\star\star$ In the morning, you might decide to treat a favorite family member to a yummy breakfast. You also will open a new pathway for conversations. Note a tendency to get frustrated and irritated easily. Stop and assess what is going on. Tonight: You do not have to go far to have some fun.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ Use the morning to the max. Make phone calls, and initiate a long-overdue chat with a friend. A purchase you have been considering for a while might be OK to make in the evening. If you want to check out some alternatives, that's even better. Tonight: Relax at a favorite spot.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ As the day goes on, you will feel much better -- perhaps even unstoppable. A close friend or loved one could charge in your direction, and have a complaint or two to share. You will be able to put this situation to rest if you relax with this person. Tonight: A fun dinner out.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★ Use the morning to make calls and get in touch with friends. You will want more solitude in the afternoon. You can be very nurturing, but right now you could lose your temper. Take a deep breath before making a sarcastic statement. Tonight: Enjoy some free time, and keep it low-key.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★ You see others differently from how they see themselves. For instance, if a loved one loses his or her temper, you'll understand that this person feels hurt, whereas he or she might only see the anger. Use care when addressing issues with this person. Tonight: Do what you enjoy.

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