

Pets

Dog Walker

Dear Mr. Know-It-All: My two-year-old Alsatian has been acting up the last six months. He chews on the furniture, pees and defecates all over the house and rips the curtains. I'm sick and tired of coming home to a house that looks like a tornado just blew through it and smells like a whale died inside two months ago. Sometimes I get so frustrated I just want to scream. What can I do?—Pooped Out

Elementary, my dear Watson. Your pooch must be tired of being cooped up all day while you're at work. What do you expect him to do while you're gone? Read a book? But his acting up seems to be signs of claustrophobia. Take the little monster out for some fresh air. I'm sure you have enough acne-faced teenage neighbors willing to walk him for some moolah. For some extra doggie pampering, turn to the personal pet concierge services at **Sonia Services** (www.soniaservices.com, 9489-4026). Being a concierge, they will do whatever you request for a fee, including walking services (for your dog, not for you). Prices just for dog walking are negotiable. But if you really can't stand it anymore, you can arrange for a very, very long walk for your dog and then secretly move away while the beast is gone. Leave the furniture—it's all ruined anyway—and run. Just remember: don't leave behind any forwarding address and change all your phone numbers.