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Living With Dogs: Easing Your Dog's Re-Intro to Baby Post-Vacation

Are you planning a vacation without the family dog around the time your baby is entering the mobile stage? Families that do are often caught off-guard when, on their return, Fido becomes stressed or reacts to the newly crawling or walking baby. Dogs rely on observation of body language to understand their world, and the body language of a baby is constantly changing during the first year or two. For many dogs, this continuous development is stressful because it's completely unpredictable. What can you do to help

your dog
adjust?



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Healthy Dog: Canine Acupuncture

Like humans, dogs sometimes suffer from pain and inflammation, and relief for your dog doesn't have to be limited to conventional treatment options. Acupuncture, the process of stimulating certain points on the body by inserting needles, has been shown in studies to enhance blood circulation, release toxins, relax muscles, and relieve pain. Veterinary acupuncture, a component of traditional Chinese veterinary medicine (TCVM) treatments, can complement traditional medicine at any stage of your dog's life. It's often used preventatively but can also provide relief during a range of illnesses and conditions such as arthritis, asthma, gastrointestinal distress, skin problems, and traumatic nerve injuries.

To know if
acupuncture is
right for your
dog, consult with
a veterinarian
trained in TCVM.



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...re-intro to baby

- When you first return, give your dog many breaks from baby activity.
- Ease back into your normal routines. Assume this is a transition for your dog as much as it is for you.
- Make sure one parent is always paying full, undistracted attention when dog and baby are in the same area.
- It's great to include your dog in interactive games directed by an adult. If food is the key to your dog's heart, use it often when Fido is around baby.

Many families are surprised to learn this stage is so much work. Granted, it is. But it won't last long. The payoff for building a comfortable bond between your dog and baby will last forever.

Dog In the Spotlight: Airedale Terrier

The Airedale takes its name from its birthplace, the valley of the River Aire in Yorkshire, England; and its nickname, the "King of Terriers," from their size. Working-class farmers bred Airedales from two other terriers in the mid-19th century for hunting and farm work, but it didn't take long for this new terrier to turn heads among the well-to-do hunting class, too.

The breed's popularity continued to grow as word spread about their bravery. During World War I Airedales carried messages to soldiers behind enemy lines and worked for the Red Cross to locate wounded soldiers left on the battlefield. These trusty terriers also served as the dog of choice for law enforcement and search-and-rescue work prior to the popularity of German Shepherd Dogs for the same.



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