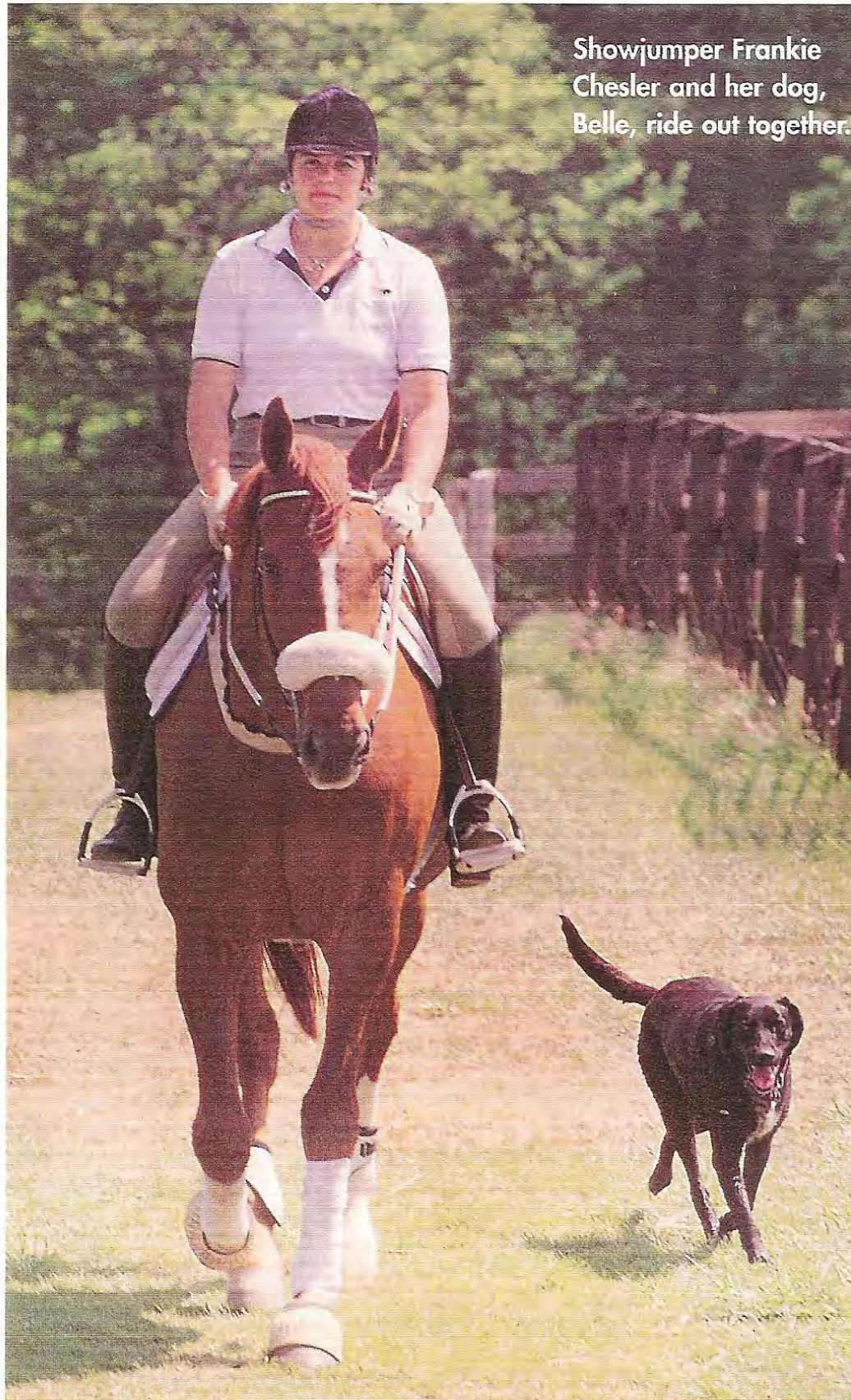


PONIES AND PUPS

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Tips For Making Sure Your Horse And Dog Become Best Buddies!



Showjumper Frankie Chesler and her dog, Belle, ride out together.

If you like horses and ponies, you probably like other furry animals as well. We bet lots of our readers have dogs. Horsey people just love dogs!

When you go to big outdoor shows like the Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event or the Festival of Champions in Gladstone, NJ, you are sure to see more canine companions than horses.

In fact, many horse shows hold agility competitions so dogs and their owners can have fun, too. The dogs climb ladders, run through tubes and jump over gates. Agility classes are fun to watch!

Lots of barns have dogs. Some are guard dogs, but most simply belong to riders, students and instructors. Famous riders have dogs, too. Showjumper Hap Hanson has a mini Australian Shepherd named Splash, Dressage star Guenter Seidel has a Pug named Oprah and barrel racing legend Martha Josey has a Jack Russell named Butch.

But even though we love dogs, and enjoy having them around the barn, it's important that they are well behaved. A naughty dog can stir up a lot of trouble around horses, and could cause an accident. That's why we've come up with a few tips to keep your precious pooch safe around ponies!