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11 Ways Dogs Can Help at the Barn

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They're always excited to head to the barn. They make us smell fresh, in comparison, afterward. And they never scoff if we trot around on the wrong diagonal. There are a zillion ways dogs can help at the barn. Here are just a few:

1. Supervise conditioning road work.



2. Keep barn cats under control.



3. Keep things copacetic with everyone in the pasture.



4. Cool your horses down after a workout.



5. Guard the precious beasts...



6. ...and other precious things.



7. Manure management...



8. ...all kinds of manure management.



9. Make sure you keep things in perspective.



10. Help maintain impulsion



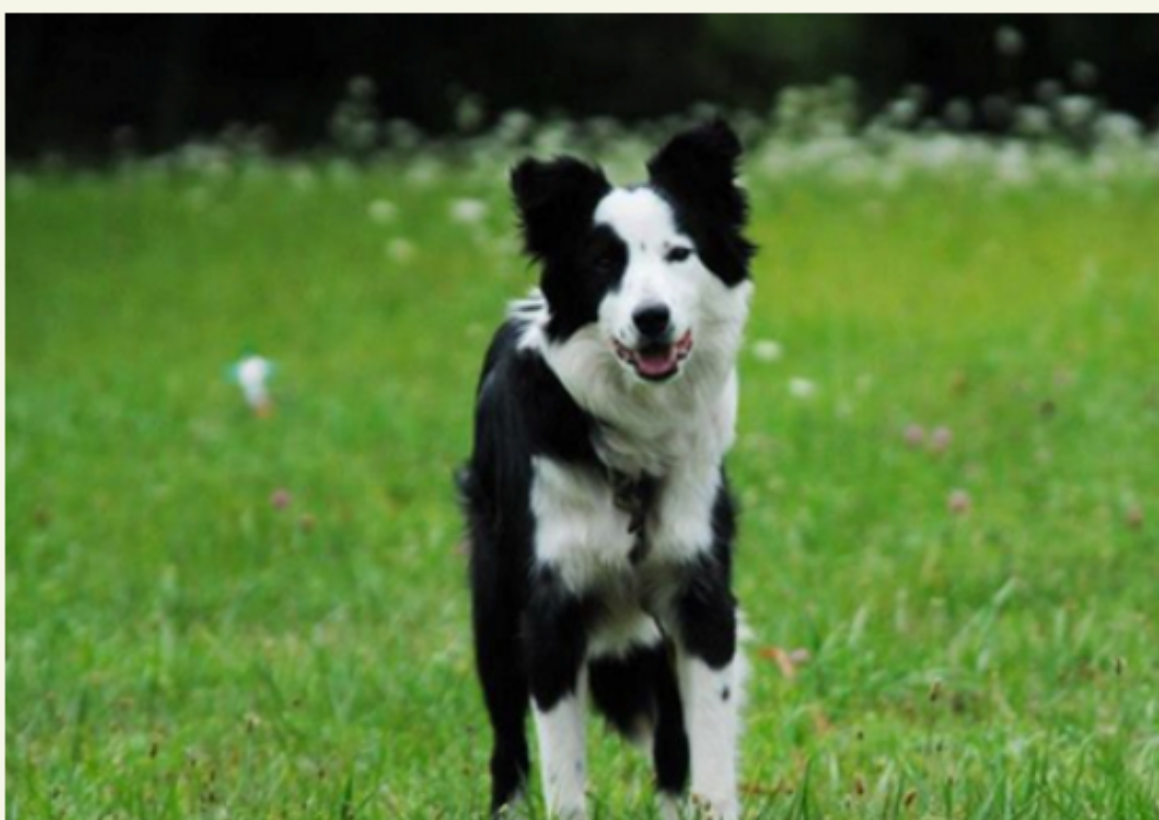
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