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### The shelf

Your dog can't tell you the last time it was fed, but Dog-e-Minder can.

With the press of a button, the device records the time and date when the pet is walked, fed or medicated. It also stores your dog's name and your phone number, so it doubles as an ID tag.

The device can be attached to a key chain or collar and has a water-proof casing that the manufacturer says will stand up to swimming and pet play.

Dog-e-Minder can be ordered for \$19.95 plus shipping at [www.dogeminder.com](http://www.dogeminder.com).



**Dog-e-Minder** can tell you the last time Fido was fed, walked or medicated.

### Q&A

**Q** I got ballpoint pen ink on a favorite sweatshirt. How can I remove it? I've heard about using hair spray to remove ink, but I don't know how that works.

**A** Some hair spray brands contain ingredients that can leave their own stain or remove dye from fabrics.

The Soap and Detergent Association

recommends that you use either denatured alcohol or cleaning fluid. Denatured alcohol is available where paint is sold. Cleaning fluid, sometimes called spot remover, is usually available at stores with a selection of laundry products, or ask a dry cleaner.

After treating, rinse the fabric thoroughly and launder. Don't put the garment into the dryer until the stain is gone completely.

### What's new

Some books will teach you how to grow a vegetable garden. Some books will tell you how to cook the fruit of the harvest. But it's a rare book that guides you through the entire process, from seed packet to serving dish.

"Grocery Gardening: Planting, Preparing and Preserving Fresh Food" does.

Lead author Jean Ann Van Krevelen and collaborators Amanda Thomsen, Robin Ripley and Teresa O'Connor cover the basics of gardening, offer recipes and teach how to preserve that yield. "Grocery Gardening" is published by Cool Springs Press and is priced at \$19.95 in softcover.

Have a question about home maintenance, decorating or gardening? Call Akron Beacon Journal home writer Mary Beth Breckenridge at 330-996-3756, or send e-mail to [mbrecken@thebeaconjournal.com](mailto:mbrecken@thebeaconjournal.com).

