



## Marvellous Aunt Maneka

Aunt Maneka is an environmentalist, a Minister of State, and an animal lover. She is here to answer all your questions on animals and birds so that you can take better care of the animals around you and be a better friend of nature.

**Q. My dog loves to play in the rain. He comes back home all wet and muddy. It's difficult to give him a bath every day. Could you suggest some alternative?**

*Sanjeev Chavan, 10 years, Pune*

Dear Sanjeev,

**A.** Wet fur and muddy paws can cause a lot of fungal and yeast infections in pets. The infections may also result in a lot of discomfort. So it is important to keep the fur dry and clean. A hairdryer or a room heater can be used to dry your pet's damp fur.



Dry shampoos and paper towels can be used to clean him instead of giving him a bath every day.




**Q. My house has a few lizards. I don't care about them but my sister screams when she sees one. What should I do?**

*Rupesh Singh, 12 years, Lucknow*

Dear Rupesh,

**A.** Lizards are harmless. So, I suggest that you talk to your sister about lizards and how they actually help you by eating mosquitoes, flies and other pests.

If you have questions about pets/ animals/birds, write to us and we'll ask Aunt Maneka to answer.

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