

MR. SMART'S BIG DOG BOOK



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- 🔊 I wonder. How much do I give Arf to eat?
- 🔊 *You start with part of a can, Mr. Smart!*



- ▶ I wonder. How do I take Arf for a walk around the city?
- ▶ *You run, Mr. Smart!*



🔊 I wonder. How do I hear
Arf in the dark?



🔊 You call until he barks,
Mr. Smart! There you are, Arf!



🔊 I wonder. How do I get Arf to come into the house?



▶ *You stand back, Mr. Smart!
Sometimes you have to
stand far, far back.*



🔊 I wonder. How do I get a good house for Arf?



🔊 *Look for a small barn,
Mr. Smart!*



- ▶ I wonder. What if Arf starts to dig in the yard?
- ▶ *You march right out and stop him, Mr. Smart!*










- ▶ Sometimes I wonder.
- ▶ How do I give Arf a bath?





▶ You take him to the car wash, Mr. Smart!

Think and Respond

-  **1** What is the name of the big dog?
-  **2** How does Mr. Smart give Arf a bath?
-  **3** What does Arf think of his bath?
-  **4** Who knows more about big dogs, Mr. Smart or the other character? Explain.
-  **5** Which question do you like best? Tell why.

  **Compare Numbers** With your class, make a chart to show how many children own dogs, cats, and other pets. Determine which type of pet is the most popular.

  **School-Home Connection** Retell one of the scenes to someone at home, or make a big dog question of your own.

