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***Dog's "dazed"***

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I see it all the time when I'm out garage saling. People with a best friend who can help them nab great bargains, people with spouses spending quality time together while shelling out a few bucks for a unique buy, or even entire families out for a leisurely day of garage saling. Some even take their "best friend"—like Dave with his Pomeranian, Taz and May Beth with her Queensland Heeler, Patty.

I'm a bit envious at times of folks who have partners whether they're human or furry. You see, my friends and family don't like to garage sale with me. For some reason they tell me I'm too persnickety and impatient. Oh come on, is it my fault my husband doesn't stop the car fast enough when we pull up to a sale? Any garage saler knows a delay or hesitation by the driver can cause bargain hunters to miss out on the find of a lifetime. Or is it my fault, my parents are still getting their seatbelts off after I've already looked through the offerings at a sale and I'm ready to go on to the next? Okay, so maybe it is. But hey, I'm working here!

You see, I'm mixing business with pleasure. I'm constantly on the look-out for column ideas and keeping my eyes peeled for rare finds I can brag about for years to come---such as the 7 ft. tall solid iron candle holder I grabbed for \$10 at a sale in Scottsdale.

Okay, so "people" won't garage sale with me but how about a four-legged friend? I tried it with Sadie, my Yorkie mix. But it wasn't pretty. She was too easily excitable at times (okay, all the time!) and didn't take kindly to strangers.

But I didn't give up looking for a garage sale partner. Surely someone would want to go with me—and then it hit me. We'll get another dog. Yes, I'd have to *buy* my garage sale partner. We also thought Sadie could use the company.

So, in February we got her---a two-month-old Golden-Doodle (Retriever and Standard Poodle mix). I just knew Millie would make for a great garage sale partner. She's calm, cool and collected. She loves people and has a great disposition. I also plan on turning her into a therapy dog taking her to visit folks in nursing homes.

But we've hit a snag...as engaging and comforting as all this sounds it may just be a pipe dream.

I realized this a few weeks ago on our first vacation together—in the car.

Poor Millie was sick as a dog— car sick. We tried over-the-counter and prescription pills but nothing seemed to help.

We're hoping she outgrows it. Until then she'll have to forego the early morning garage sale trips.

It sure is tough getting someone to garage sale with me.

No luck with my husband, parents, friends, Sadie and now Millie.

Unless she's....faking it-- just to get out of going garage saling with me.

No, she wouldn't.

Or would she?



(Photo: provided by Lynda) Meet my potential garage sale partner, Millie (“Millie Mae” if I need to discipline her—which isn’t often). She’s my Golden-Doodle (Retriever and Standard Poodle mix) puppy. And that’s my husband on the right, Kevin Nunn, (“Mr. Garage Sale Gal” if I need to discipline him---which is often!). He refuses to garage sale with me but perhaps, *someday* Millie can.

### **MY FAVORITE FIND**

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Email a picture of your favorite find to [Lynda@GarageSaleGal.com](mailto:Lynda@GarageSaleGal.com). Watch for the story of *your* treasure in this column!

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Veronica goedert 984-6381, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, mesa  
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3 patio sets, with chairs and tables, 1 bar table seating set, sofa tables, 4 end tables, 2 iron/wood benches, computer monitor, misc décor,  
240.00

We're getting rid of our old stuff and putting in the new. It's a cheaper way to furnish our home. With the economy the way it is, going to garage sales is the best way to refurnish your house. Bought stuff at 7:30.

About leaving stuff and making trips: I was apprehensive, scared and people were already picking up our stuff before we left. Made four trips.

Mom—mary..”she left me here to guard it.

We got into a confrontation with one guy. He gave the sellers the money for one of our items that we'd already bought. It took him awhile to back down but we finally got it back.

Everybody else was polite.

In between trips, I was driving really fast and without my seatbelt. Lives five minutes away.

Mom-We had a goldmine today. We hit pay dirt.

It's not often that you hit the motherlode like this—so I thought I'd stay with it all and guard it all

Sale was Nancy opitz [nancygirl11@aol.com](mailto:nancygirl11@aol.com)

Although the woman who had the sale, nancy opitz was more than happy to hold the items until people could come back and get them, even she was surprised. “I would never trust anyone. I'm so shocked people would pay for all this good stuff and then leave it here. I'd be afraid it wouldn't be there when I got back to pick it up.”

