th the texture of Angkor Wat, a generous dash of Las Vegas, a hint of the Doge's Palace and a suggestion of the Taj Mahal. But most striking of all is the large hipped cream buns in their designer ski gear. De rigueur accessories are dogs on leads or portable telephones. Goodness knows what they all do in the summ area of hills and valleys to the west, between the rivers Garonne and Dordogne, where the wine produced is called Entre-Deux-Mers if it is white and, if red, ay paper by Ian Ridley entitled Husky Racing in Norfolk? A tale of mad dogs and Englishmen, surely? Almost, but not quite. More than a hundred drivers an erry Lee Lewis, supervising a drive-through grocery store. At Pink's Hot Dog stand in LA, Orson Welles once ate seventeen wieners in a row. And if you wer hould long remain immune from the attentions of disloyal agitators, hang dog socialists and foaming radicals, egged on by perverse clergymen and other of lik account of her experience as a domestic servant. In her lightly-turned, undogmatic style she drew attention to such problems as slum housing, and managed $t$ iath was not the only member of the household caught asleep. 'The watch dog was also snoring downstairs at the time,' he says. The good neighbours who wer the 2nd Earl Massereene was a great Irish eccentric. He once ordered 60 dogs decked out in full mourning attire to attend the funeral of his favourite hunter rotect me. His health drive incorporates regular hour-long jogs around Cadogan Square and karate training. 'I used to play polo and I thought that was enough to support Mr Yeltsin. The people in general are surviving this winter as doggedly as previous ones. Reliable opinion polls are lacking, but one of the most re n , while even as little as a year ago, the picture knit with a pair of Scottie dogs, an abstract flower pattern or even a brace of flying ducks winging their way ac $d$ there is a sense of bitterness and betrayal in the air. But this is no party dogfight. What distinguishes the political debate that is currently engaging most of $t$ ts twisted and bulbous limbs clearly Dal-esque. He hands it to her with a dog-eared catalogue and some reassuring words. When she has gone I ask her wheth irty and dishevelled, in ones and twos, they first came to Bucharest in the dog days of summer. Wielding sponges and scrapers they now patrol the streets look right ankle. As soon as Lily was mobile another disaster struck: Sam the dog decided he would try the texture of live pork chop - almost detaching the poor a a little rusty on his reappearance. A rising 10 -year-old, he may be an old dog (if you will pardon the expression) trying to perform a new trick, but on the wh an office Lothario whom one of the women called 'a right pain in the Dordogne'. After a time it all became very crunchy. The chief joy is David Jason, who, you're efficient. If it's a jolly trip abroad, what the Americans call a boondoggle, if it's not 90 per cent business, or there's any suggestion at all that you are no if you had a rabbit's tongue ( 7,000 more taste-buds than ours) or a sheep dog's nose ( 44 times more olfactory cells). The research team frequently took out a his vocation in Jamaica. He looked a tough cookie, with more of the bulldog than the choirboy in his cheekbones: a part for Rod Steiger rather than the more ibility, while others predicted that the quango would simply be a tame lapdog of the government without managing to wield any real clout in the reform of the tion scheme to cover fraud, and a new set of dentures for that tame watch dog, the Occupational Pensions Board. It would even go so far as to introduce a new breakfast show hosted by two budgerigars, a nightly transmission of One Dog and His Man and a soap opera for goldfish about an extended family of exotic $t$ have understood them. Classical Latin - as opposed to ecclesiastical or dog Latin, which is an altogether simpler and more beautiful language than that whi pecial opening of Thames Water's new analysis laboratory on the Isle of Dogs. He had earlier attended a Business in the Community meeting at Sheffield ufacturers of Good Boy doggie chocolates. The most popular present for dogs is a Christmas stocking containing snacks, and for cats, a new to the market itish. However he does not appear to have had any idea of being an underdog (or untermensch as he has been known to call it) until he reached the Australian $t$ the end of their first year as junior doctors one describes medicine as 'a dog's life. If I could get out and do something else I would.' Another recently-qualifi g like a good guy at a party. But that was last year. It will be a more care-dogged Christmas for the President-elect this time. The Staley family, who have bee one by since the National Canine Defence League invented the slogan 'A Dog Is for Life, not for Christmas', but animals are still suffering by being put into $t$ igned, leaving his successors to search for rescue refinancing. Other City dogs were fashion retailer Alexon, down 72 per cent after a profits warning which and she will also have a chance to compete for a year's supply of Chunky dog food in the prize draw reserved for civil servants of the rank of second class have been forced by Britain to drop a scheme for 'pet passports' to allow dogs and cats to travel freely abroad even though rabies has been virtually eliminate single-handedly, dragged modern French architecture out of its drab and dogmatic Corbusian concrete mould and injected it with real artistic vigour and piza d by its dominant role in the group and the resignation of other directors. Dogged by rumours of official inquiries into its sharedealings, the Amber board has Most of the customers are tourists. The Fairy Garden Cafe, with its Santa dogs and Meatball Santaburgers, is an extra money-spinner, as is the Christmas spec e to say that the last person who said to me it was not natural to keep his dogs under control, was a 'new age traveller'. His two had just killed a small rabbit a e, is blind. Five years after David Blunkett entered Parliament, his guide dog Offa is almost part of the Westminster furniture. Had Labour won the previous convinced that if one did not keep them up, civilised life would go to the dogs. Was the notion of keeping up appearances so very wrong? One of the most

