

THE ASSISTANT

Sometimes I comb, sometimes I brush,
Sometimes I cut the hair.
I trim the brows, shape furnishings,
and do the pedicare.

I supervise the exercise
and partner when we play;
get out the toys, and when we're done
I put them all away.

My job includes our daily walks:
I tend the door and gate.
Though it be sunshine, rain or snow,
I'm scolded if I'm late.

I dole out pills, apply the salves,
and spoon the medicines;
fill water bowls, dish up the meals,
dispense the vitamins.

But I don't brush and I don't floss
and I don't scale teeth yet,
'Cause when it comes to dental work,
I leave that to the Vet.

by Lee Netzler