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The down & dirty quarterly scoop for the friends of PetLover Central

What I've learned about being HAPPY from my DOG(s)!

My dog Buddy is in a state of never-ending happiness and discovery, so on a recent "holiday" at home, I decided to finally put down into words, what I've known and learned from him all along.

•You will never find my dog wasting time or energy worrying. He has no sense of time, past or future.
•He doesn't hold grudges… ever! Therapists have said that 5 minutes or so is a healthy time to hold onto a grudge, any longer and it's too long.
•He doesn't need to impress anyone. He is who he is, imperfect at times, but that is enough for him.
•When he gets tired after play at the beach, I lie down and rest with him, even if I've got a schedule to keep and it puts me behind. Harboring no guilt, he does not protest or offer "to wait for *me* tomorrow". He just lays there and enjoys it. He knows he is worth all of the love he receives and he accepts it happily
•My dog greets me with the same ecstatic welcome no matter if I've gone to the mailbox, or been out all day. After an extended time away, he doesn't sit on his laurels with his arms folded tight and announce *"It's time we talk about your commitment to this relationship!"* He's just happy to see me and shows me so!
•I never have to guess what he's thinking… when he's happy, he wags his tail. If he's feeling bad, he cries, when he wants to play, he runs to me with a ball and when he wants to be left alone, he walks away. No fake handshakes or social smiles. It's that simple.
•If I would just focus on MY goals, the way Buddy focuses on his ball I'm about to throw, I could build bridges and anything I ever wanted!
•Buddy knows that life will take care of him so he doesn't worry, that his purpose is to just enjoy and he finds happiness in the adventure life just is.
•He is spiritually fit, doesn't read a lot of self help books, never been to therapy or a seminar and would probably have a problem "organizing his calendar."

Buddy

Maybe one day, I will wake up as joyous and happy as he seems to be.

Jamie Michael

What is REALLY in your pet's food?

Did you know some pet foods actually contain sawdust, chicken beaks and animal toenails? Where does your dog or cat food rate.

Most commercial foods are loaded with preservatives, additives, by-products, fillers and sodium. One or all of these ingredients could be detrimental to your pet's health, causing a range of problems like allergic reaction, intestinal upset, skin disease, kidney and liver failure or even worse, cancer.

Consider the following:
*Fillers are a red flag
*Know the meat source
*Keep preservatives and additives away

REMEMBER, no one will ever care about your pet as much as you.

This is a gross topic with gross injustices. It is one you need to read. Stop by to pick up the complete info sheet!

Dog Property Laws

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1. If I like it, it's mine.
2. If it's in my mouth, it's mine.
3. If I can take it from you, it's mine.
4. If I had it a little while ago, it's mine.
5. If it's mine, it must never appear to be yours in any way.
6. If I'm chewing something up, all the pieces are mine.
7. If it just looks like mine, it's mine.
8. If I saw it first, it's mine.
9. If you are playing with something and you put it down, it automatically becomes mine.
10. If it's broken, it's yours.

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Max

Max (usually referred to as "Max Silverman") has practically grown up with us. When he's not getting EXACTLY what he wants, he has a way of "vocalizing" his needs in a way.....well, you just have to come listen.

Gucci

2 yr-old Chocolate Lab who's favorite obsession...other than Max, is the ball, any ball, any time, any place! She's seeking help and recently realized that the first step is "admitting you have a problem"...

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Roxanne "Ruffs"

Dear Roxanne,
My human mom and dad have been talking about their new "baby" coming soon. It seems like this means I'm going to be in "the dog house" because I hear talk of concern for how I will behave or if I will (Uugh) hurt a baby!! How can I help with the adjustment to ensure that the baby will be safe? I won't play too rough. What can I do to ensure I will stay with this family instead of being sent away?"

Sincerely,
Rocco the bulldog

Hi Rocco,
Congratulations on a baby coming! A great tip is to have your humans hang a screen door in the baby's room entrance (before baby comes). That way, once the baby arrives, you can enjoy all of the sights, smells and sounds of the baby, without scaring anyone. When you finally *do* get used to the idea of a new "kid" at home, you'll be familiar with all that goes along with him or her.

Roxanne speaking the truth

Dear Roxanne,
Are dog parks really safe?

Sincerely,
Rex the hound

Hi Rex,
Exercising your dog is very important and unfortunately, many humans work too much. They feel guilty about that and take us to the dog parks when they can. *The upside*: I learned to "play well with others" in my younger years at the dog park. *The downside*: Lots of pee and poop. That means bacteria and possible parasites that no human can see.
I personally suggest more sanitary places to exercise like DOGGY DAY CARE! (they didn't pay me to say that…well, maybe a biscuit or two) OR, unlike those simple humans, mental stimulation is great exercise for us! Tell your folks to practice some obedience training for 20 minutes each night… they'll be amazed how it tires us out!

Roxanne has many accomplishments under her "collar." She was born on the streets, mothered 7 children, and is now a respected animal advocate. This year, she'll also participate in the MS walk to raise money for her human friends with M.S. She earned her degree at Rufts University and has a degree in archaeology (digging). Please send your comments or questions to her at info@petlovercentral.com. And stop by to meet Roxanne, our resident expert in "person!" PetLover Central, Mondays-Fridays.