

# PROPERLY- TRAINED, MAN CAN BE DOG'S BEST FRIEND!



## Just Like Children, Pets Need Training & Guidance.

...So, you've brought "Scout" home. You dreamed of your faithful companion bringing you your slippers, sitting by your side and being an all-around "little angel". Today, Scout has helped himself to the enchilada casserole on the kitchen counter and promptly rid himself of the same casserole on your expensive persian rug. Now, he is running around in the back yard with your DVD remote control in his mouth. Sound familiar? Welcome to the exhilarating world of pet ownership. Before you label Scout as uncontrollable, or, worse yet, decide to get rid of him, stop and take a deep breath. Scout can't read your mind. He's not going to learn the rules overnight. A large part of your responsibility to your pet is proper training by a professional and your patience during the process.



## Dogs Think Like Dogs, Not Like Humans.

Many behaviors that we humans consider undesirable are, in fact, normal, instinctual dog behaviors. Dogs don't understand human rules without the proper training. An important thing to remember is that DOGS DO WHAT WORKS FOR THEM. Proper training can give dogs an outline of things that work, so they can properly integrate into their human family and in society, (like going potty outdoors WORKS, NOT trash-surfing WORKS, etc.). Proper training can also help extinguish bad behaviors by making sure the dog isn't rewarded for them.



## Effective Dog Training Requires Your Presence.

The majority of successful training involves training YOU. After all, if you don't know how to communicate your expectations to your pet, what good will it do? A reputable trainer will work with you AND your dog together to achieve the desired results. How do you find such a trainer? Ask your vet to recommend one or the rescue organization where you adopted your pet. Training need not be expensive. There are many wonderful local trainers who offer very reasonable rates. Training MUST be POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT-BASED. It must NEVER involve spanking, hitting, yelling, rubbing your pet's nose in his "accident" on the carpet or any other punishment-based method.



## Your Dog Depends On You To Show Him The Ropes.

Many wonderful pets are surrendered to city pounds every day because their owners didn't want to take the time to get them trained. The majority of those pets end up being destroyed. Don't let "Scout" become a statistic. Give him - and yourself - the tools you both need to succeed and live in harmony together.



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