



DAILY REMINDERS

Working for a living!

All domestic dogs were bred to serve man in a specific capacity. Teach your dog that "nothing in life is free" and he must "work for a living." Establish obvious boundaries, rules and structure for your dog in his daily life. Doing so will help your dog to become a willing, compliant, and devoted companion.

- ❧ *Provide your dog with consistent leadership, structure, and boundaries throughout his life with you.*
- ❧ *Your dog should earn petting, praise, and food. There should be no "free" or "eat when you like" feeding. Ask your dog to complete a simple skill before he is given his food. At other times during the day, reward a timely and correct response with petting, praise and possibly a treat.*
- ❧ *If you have more than one dog in your household, you the designated "leader of the pack". At no time should any dog be allowed to assert himself over any other dog. Take control of all situations and manage and maintain control of the pack as a whole and each dog as an individual.*
- ❧ *Keep all petting brief and pet only after your dog has successfully responded to a command. Ignore attention seeking behaviors such as nudging or barking. If your dog pushes you for attention in this manner, put him on a "settle," or in his crate.*
- ❧ *Keep all interactive toys picked up. You should initiate all interactive games and end such games. The games should have rules and you should make sure your dog follows them. For example, let your dog earn a chance to fetch a ball or toy by responding to a command such as "sit" or "come."*
- ❧ *No elevated places. Your dog should not get up on beds or furniture in any room.*
- ❧ *Provide your dog with a minimum of 20 to 30 minutes of aerobic exercise each day. He should be physically and mentally fatigued at least once each day.*
- ❧ *Incorporate training into your daily routine, in your home, and on walks. Your dog should respond promptly to basic commands such as sit, down, stay, and come. At least one time each day, practice muzzle control and a 20 minute settle.*
- ❧ *Your dog should be taught to consistently stand and walk on a loose leash approximately four feet long. Do not walk your dog on a retractable leash or long line unless you are using either specifically for training purposes.*
- ❧ *Your dog should be taught to always wait at entrances and exits. This includes all doors, gates and vehicles.*