

The Well Mannered Dog

At one time or another, everyone who has a pet dog has felt frustration with their dog's behavior. It's normal. But remember, in almost every instance, it's usually a lack of training and communication on OUR part that causes our frustration. A dog doesn't come with an instruction manual on how to live with humans. It's our responsibility to teach our companions, show them what is acceptable behavior, and what is not. A dog that hasn't been given instructions, training or boundaries, or has been given inconsistent training, can't possibly know what you expect. By teaching your dog how you want him to behave, you'll have a happier, healthier relationship with your buddy.

A Well-Mannered Dog Will Allow You to:

- Handle every part of his body, check for injuries and give medication.
- Spend more time indoors with your buddy because he has good manners. He will have more supervision and less chance to get into trouble.
- You will know when something is wrong with him sooner because you are together more frequently and you can touch and handle every part of him.
- Show off your relationship to all of your friends because your dog can go everywhere with you and is welcome because of his good behavior.

A Well Trained Dog

- Wants to spend more time with you, pays more attention to you, and is always waiting for you to tell him what to do because it's fun for both of you!
- Will walk or run with you outdoors without dragging you so you can spend more quality time together.
- Understands and respects his boundaries. He knows what's expected of him and is less anxious.

A Good Trainer

- Is knowledgeable about different types of training methods
- Focuses primarily on reinforcing good behavior and using punishment sparingly and humanely.
- Communicates well with people and dogs.