

Puppies Are Like Children They Need Plenty Of Love And Boundaries

Having a dog in your life is like having a child that never quite grows up. Bearing this in mind, if you have decided to go ahead and share your life with mans best friend you will need to know a few things that can help make this a happy time for the both of you. Like children dogs need an abundance of love and simple, sensible rules in place so they can settle comfortably into a family environment without too much stress and fanfare. All small puppy will bring many changes and there will be a need for some adjustment as well

"Jack" that's what you have decided to call your new dog was pretty upset on his first night home and it seemed the guy at the pet shop had forgotten to tell you this. Somehow reminded of sleepless night when your baby had arrived you managed to get through this and Jack seemed to be much happier in your bed all cuddled up on the pillow.. It has now sunk in that you have a big responsibility with the dog's life and here we can try to help with heaps of sensible tips on how to make Jack into a well- adjusted and happy adult. Your input will totally affect the way he sees the world and how he should behave in it, as he is very vulnerable at this point to the wrong or right way he can be taught.

Jack is beginning to fit in with the family and is a great source of entertainment for all concerned. Most puppies are sold to their new owners from the ages of six to twelve weeks so it is really important that once you get your canine friend home gentle training can begin. Teaching young Jack that your home is not his own personal toilet is merely the beginning. If you have a back yard take him out during the day at timed intervals so he gets the hang of it. If you are inside more give him a permanent place with a dirt box or newspaper that becomes an area he can relieve himself.. Consistency is the name of the game here and time spent here will mean an adult dog that knows the drill.

Biting in a puppy may seem cute at the time but you do not want to have an adult dog that is a threat to yourself and others. When puppies are all together they bite each other but this is how they learn to have more control an aggressive pup will be ganged up by the rest of them till he learns to cool it. When young Jack bites say in a very firm voice "ouch" or 'no and repeat this until he gets the message that biting is unacceptable. Be very consistent with your training and when he is older enroll him in an obedience class as this is a great way for him to interact with people and other dogs.

All dogs love to chew, its when they start destroying your furniture and shoes you know that early intervention could have prevented this. Make sure little Jack has plenty of toys to play with and a place like a basket that he can call his own filled with them. If he decides your slipper is delectable gently take it from him and replace it with a toy. Puppies are generally impressionable so the rules you set in place at an early age will have a major impact on the adult dog. You can put some bad tasting substances that will bring no harm to the puppy but these will be a last resort. Like a child your new canine baby will require boundaries that he will learn he cannot step over or mum and dad will not be impressed. The effort you put in now will give not only fun puppy days but eventually an adult that could be your best friend, giving you unconditional, protection, a rare gift that no other human being can give.

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