WHY SHOULD I TRAIN MY DOG?

Many people make the mistake of assuming that by not training their dog that they are being kind to it, allowing it to do what it likes, when it likes. Nothing could be further from the truth.

The life of a well-trained dog is a good one - much better than for their un-trained counterparts. Below are a few examples of why training will benefit you and your dog:

Trained dogs have more freedom because they can be relied upon to come when called, to settle when asked and do the right thing in general. They can be taken many more places:

- to visit friends or family
- to cafes and restaurants (sitting outside with you of course)
- to the shop, patiently waiting outside until you return
- to off-lead places such as walking trails, the beach etc
- on holiday with the family rather than being placed in boarding kennel
- to participate in dog sports such as Agility, Fly-Ball, Frisbee, Scenting/Tracking etc.

Trained dogs are a pleasure for vets and groomers which helps your dog to get the medical attention and/or grooming it requires, without stress, when necessary. You can relax knowing that your pet is not nervous or upset at receiving these treatments or being left alone at these places.

Trained dogs have a closer bond with their owners because they have learned to communicate with them through training. Through training you learn to read canine body language and learn what your dog is saying to you. Your dog learns that you will listen to them and understand.

Trained dogs have increased confidence because they are able to predict the consequences of their actions. They learn to relax and trust in you. They are happy because they have a good leader to follow.

Trained dogs get more exercise because they are able to be exercised off-lead and they are able to go more places. An off-lead dog gets at least twice the exercise its on-lead counterpart does.

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Trained dogs spend less time engaging in undesirable behaviours such as digging, barking, escaping, jumping on people and being generally destructive. Through training you learn ways to combat these behaviours.

Trained dogs are comfortable with your leadership because you have proved to them that you are a good leader and are worthy of their respect.

Trained dogs listen to instructions, first time, every time. No need to repeat your instructions over and over, get angry or nag your dog, thereby destroying your bond.

Trained dogs live longer, they are less likely escape, get hit by cars, get into dog fights, eat things that make them ill or need to be euthanased because of bad or aggressive behaviour.

Trained dogs can provide comfort to the sick, or elderly by becoming a Therapy Dog. Only fairly basic skills are required to become a Therapy Dog. You and your dog can then visit with sick children in hospitals or the elderly in nursing homes and benefit from giving back to society.

Without training, many of these things are not possible. The life of a well-trained dog is a happy one. Call us today to get started on providing your dog with a better life. Be the best dog owner you can possibly be!

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