

**Secrets Dog Training
Methods:**

**Getting Your Dog
Trained In a Few
Easy Steps**

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Introduction

Training your dog doesn't have to take hours a day. In fact, most people are able to train their dogs while playing with them every day. A trained dog can keep your house from dog damage, help keep you stress free, and be a great entertainment for your family and guests. While training your dog it is also a good bonding experience for both of you and can further develop a lasting friendship.

Prior to training your dog you must choose your dog from a local breeder. There are many breeds to choose from and understanding the important role of becoming a dog owner is key. Consider the needs of your family in all the choices you are making and the cost of having a dog before you think of purchasing or adopting any dog.

Additionally, remember that training you new companion takes time and effort. Patience and persistence is vital to teach your dog anything. Utilizing the skills you will learn from this book you will be on your way to a well trained and happy member of your family.

Breeds of Dogs

There are hundreds of different breeds of dogs to consider before visiting a breeder. Consider the size of dog you want, the length of coat you are willing to take care of, and the requirements to create a healthy living environment before you settle on a breed. Large dogs should not be kept in a small living area, and small dogs typically are not left outdoors. Also research the different types of diseases and sicknesses each breed is more susceptible to contracting. Separating dog breeds into large dog, medium dog, and small dog can help when considering the type of dog you are seeking to make your pet.

The top ten dogs for breeding include:

Golden Retriever - Golden retrievers are a large breed of dog that are loving, energetic, and great with children.

German Shepherd - German Shepherds are another large breed of dog that is energetic, loyal, and intelligent. German Shepherds are used as K-9 dogs in the criminal justice field.

Labrador Retriever - Labradors are large breeds that are friendly, easy to train, and very energetic.

Yorkshire Terrier - Yorkies are small dogs that are loyal and energetic. They are somewhat apprehensive with strangers.

Poodle - Poodles are loyal and intelligent dogs that make great companions for anyone.

Dachshund - Dachshunds are small, protective dogs that are loyal to their owners.

Beagle - Beagles are great hunters and have a great sense of smell. Despite this they are very loyal, and calm with people.

Shih Tzu - Shih Tzus are smart and obedient medium-sized dogs that like attention.

Bulldog - Bulldogs are mellow and kind with children, and very protective of their family.

Boxer - Boxers are great with children, energetic, and assertive.

While these are just a few of the breeds which are popular, there are many more that are taken home every day. Each breed has various grooming and exercise needs, and will grow to different sizes. Some dogs are used more for lap purposes, watchdogs, hunting, and others as great companions for children and other dogs at home. Depending on your needs and the dedication you are willing to offer to your pet, there is a dog for every family.

Finding Appropriate Breeders

There are certain U.S. Humane Society recommendations that can help you find an appropriate breeder to adopt your dog or puppy from. It is important to use your instincts when purchasing from a breeder, if something does not seem right or you wouldn't let your dog live the same way the breeder does, politely excuse yourself. The start of a puppy's life will inevitably set the standard for their disposition and behavior for the rest of their life. A good breeder should also:

Demonstrate Knowledge - A good breeder should first of all be knowledgeable about the breed and how to take care of them appropriately. Ask basic questions that a good breeder would know and understand. A responsible breeder wants to inform you of everything you need to know to have a healthy, happy dog.

Provide References - Breeders should also keep track of other who have previously purchased from them, it is understandable if you ask them to provide a reference for you to contact about the dogs which are available. Additionally ask them to provide a veterinarian reference, so you can verify the medical care provided to any animal.

Family Members - A breeder who keeps their dogs as family members, rather than in kennels or dog runs is important. They should also not be afraid to show around the dogs sleep, eat, and play areas. It is necessary to understand the environment the dogs are used to and what conditions they are kept in.

Encourage Bonding - All breeders should encourage you and your family to visit more than once. Offering time to meet and play with the puppies is needed to create a bond with an animal, and find the perfect new pet for your entire family.

It is important to find and purchase your dog from a reputable breeder that can be trusted. A dog that is not from a reputable breeder can have diseases, is more likely to be aggressive, and may not be a pure bred. Dogs who are not purebreds are still trainable and are just as good of pets as those which carry only one breed of dog in their genes.

Caring for a Dog

Prior to purchasing or adopting a dog it is important to understand the dedication it will take to successfully maintain a dog. Feeding is not the only job or cost associated with dog ownership.

There are additional costs of shelter or beds for dogs. For an outdoor dog this is a doghouse, if temperatures are cold enough blankets and possibly heated beds may be necessary. Indoor dogs will also need a puppy pillow or blankets which they can sleep on.

The greatest costs are possibly associated with medical care and regular visits to the veterinarian's office. Shots and checkups can be pricey, and visits can increase in price if there are medical conditions where treatment is necessary. Some owner's have even opted into getting insurance for their canine to help cover some of the medical costs which can accrue.

Depending on the breed of dog it is also necessary to maintain their coat. For some dogs this means frequent trips to the groomer, at-home clippings, or others a mere occasional brushing. These should be done regularly to maintain the dog's cleanliness and protect

them from possible mites who can hide under matted fur. Also, it is important that outdoor dogs are clipped prior to hot summer months to avoid heat exhaustion.

Picking up after a dog using the restroom is also considered in caring for a dog. This is necessary to avoid sicknesses and not to mention odors. Of all the ways to care for a dog, at least this one is free!

You will need to invest in a collar and a leash or harness so that your dog can get the proper exercise he needs outside of the house or the backyard. This should be done as frequently as possible to help decrease the likelihood of obesity and lift your dog's spirits.

Finally, another unfortunate cost of having a pet is the cost of damage to any items of your home which may become damaged by chewing, urination, or fecal matter. There are certain aids to help in potty training your dog such as sprays and pads. To prevent an animal from chewing your valuable household items there are chew toys which you can play with together, or to entertain your dog while you are not around.

These are only a few of the costs and requirements necessary to maintain a healthy

and happy dog. It is not easy, but the rewards are well worth the effort.