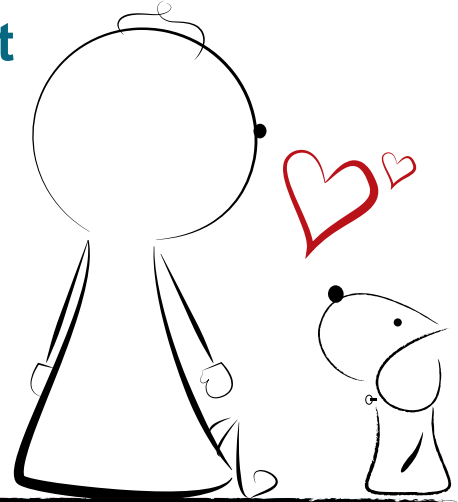


THE HONESTY *Hack*

WHEN to use it
ALWAYS

“
Want your dog to listen to you?
Be someone worth listening to.
”



HOW it works

Social species like dogs (G) do not feel safe (S) when their social group/relationships (E) are unreliable.

- ✓ Dogs are further inherently dependent on us due to captivity (E), and rely on our direction and advice (L) to navigate our human world (E).
- ✓ Their welfare depends on us as someone they can hang their hat on and trust completely.
- ✓ When we trick, trap, manipulate, or distract our dogs from things in the environment (E) or into doing what we want them to do (L) (even when we think we are being helpful), we lose critical social currency (E) that compromises our goals, the relationship, and our dog's ultimate welfare as our pet.
- ✓ When we're predictably **HONEST**, with everything on the table, we foster security, trust, and cooperation.

HOW to use it

Rule♥1: Never trick your dog into doing something. You might get away with telling him you're going to the park in order to get him into the car for his vet appointment today, but it's not likely to work the next time you try it. Don't give him a good reason to think you're a trickster! It can be very hard to change his mind.

Rule♥2: Be VERY careful with “redirecting” your dog's attention from something he is focused on, concerned about, or doing. Many popular dog training techniques revolve around efforts to get our dogs to change their attention and behavior by redirecting them with food,

toys, games, tricks and other learned behaviors. While this can be effective in the short run, it can cost you big time in the social currency department as your dog observes you making a habit of it. They can conclude that we are situationally unaware, trying to trick/gaslight them, or simply that we give bad advice.

Rule♥3: BE SOMEONE WORTH LISTENING TO. Acknowledge and validate your dog's observations, concerns, needs, and desires in that moment. Talk to him about what's going on, and be transparent in your providing of explanations, advice and interventions when helpful or necessary.

