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The whole concept of "dog training" is quite oversimplified, when you consider that dogs are learning all day, every day, from all of their experiences in life.

Rather than approach your dog's education as a matter of teaching "obedience" and "commands", you can enjoy far better results by having a greater understanding of how important his learning is throughout his life.

Just as children are always learning the meanings of things, and "what works" in all kinds of situations, your dog is doing the math about life 24-7.

Your job, like a parent's, is to teach him how it all "works", so that he can succeed with confidence.



Your dog, like all animals, is at the whim of all of life's many changing circumstances. Some conditions (like a warm place to sleep and people who love him), suit him to a T. But other elements that you might not readily think are so important can also play a powerful role in your dog's wellness and behavior. All of the events in your home, in your family, on your daily walks, and even in your neighborhood can significantly influence how your dog feels and acts. Sights, sounds, smells, and every interaction in his life day to day, are all playing their role in his overall health. If you find yourself puzzled by your dog's behavior, always examine what might be going on in his world for possible explanations.



Do you know what your dog's family tree looks like? While knowing your dog's genes doesn't necessarily predict what his behavior will be, you can be better prepared to manage the kinds of breed-specific behaviors his ancestors were bred for. Dogs have been carefully bred in significant ways over many generations to exhibit certain behaviors that humans once found invaluable (like herding livestock, killing rodents, and protecting property), resulting in the hundreds of breeds we see today.

Knowing what kind of "job" is in your dog's DNA can provide valuable insight & understanding.



Did you know that many dog "behavior problems" are actually medical issues (such as infections, pain, and disease) causing behavioral changes in your canine friend? Others are normal developmental behaviors related to your dog's age and sex as well. Treating these kinds of internal and health related behaviors as "obedience" issues will not solve the problems or help your dog. Be sure to get the whole story by having any necessary exams and testing done. Talk to your veterinarian about any concerning behaviors you observe in your dog right away – and remember that your dog is also an individual with his own unique self!



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