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Some Thoughts About Dogs, From Bellyrubs[®] Organic

When considering a dog as a companion, we choose based on what we think will serve our purpose. We never really understand what other objectives these animals can serve. We look to our comfort, our convenience, and expect our chosen companion to fit our preconceived ideas. We then expect maximum returns for a minimum investment (of attention, mostly). We lose interest or become annoyed when this creature shows a mind of his own. Or, we fail to utilize the animal's own psychological structure as we try to teach him how to fit into our family. If he fails to comprehend we reprimand him, because of our own lack of understanding.

We would have better luck if we'd take a serious look at the needs of the chosen animal, over and above the requirements for simple survival. His point of view and his feelings should be considered. We need to learn more about accepting a dog as he is, to bring out the subtle aspects of his personality that might remain buried if we don't take the initiative

Cats may teach us grace, perseverance, independence and self-sufficiency, but for devotion, boundless enthusiasm, sensitivity to our every mood and a strong desire to please, a dog remains unequivocal. While a cat wants to meet you on equal terms, a dog will be

the president of your fan club. He is so busy trying to show you that you are the greatest human on the planet that it's awfully easy to impose on his good nature.

There are vast differences between the breeds, and highly individual dogs within each breed. Some are calm and serious, some are gregarious and assertive, some will forever remain small children – but each has a surprising degree of intelligence, if given a chance. The basic rule is that a dog will reflect just what his owner expects of him, in spite of his original personality, because he is so sensitive to human emotions. If you are fearful, he will be fearful and therefore aggressive. If you are indifferent, he will mirror indifference. If you are happy and outgoing, he will be, too. He will protect you and your family with little or no training, and if your lines of communication are open and you give him a loving, understanding home, he will want to protect it at all costs.

If we can approach all living creatures expecting to learn something we will, without fail, be rewarded. Our ability to learn is limited only by our perception of how much there is to be learned. Animals can teach us so much about the ways in which we can communicate with our friends and loved ones without the need for words. Has your dog told you lately how much he loves and needs you? Did you listen?

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