



# Hot Diggity Dog!!

Do you like dogs? I do!

I like them because they're friendly, funny, and happy.

Dogs are always in a good mood, aren't they?

Well, if they like you they are; if not, you better avoid them.

Some people are experts on dogs – they know exactly how to train them.

A well-trained dog comes when he's called. He walks beside his owner without yanking the leash. He listens to his owner. He obeys without question. He is loyal and devoted.



## Training a dog...



A good trainer knows how to communicate with a dog in the way the animal was created to understand.

Dogs communicate through vocal bounds, body language, touch, and scent.

When speaking to your dog, use the right tone of voice for what you want him to do. If you're giving him a command, your voice should have a no-nonsense tone. Your body language tells your dog who's the boss – you do this by looking straight at him. Never hit your dog – he will assume you're being aggressive and he might fight back. Your dog also depends on his sense of smell – he can sniff out the slightest odour. That's why dogs (especially some breeds) are such good police dogs – they can find thieves and their loot.

A secret of communicating with your dog is to avoid talking too much!

He may think you've got problems and may start behaving oddly himself.



Did you know that smiling at a dog can cause him to think you are snarling at him and being aggressive?  
It might be safer to avoid smiling at the dogs in your neighbourhood.



A good trainer can train a dog well and the dog will be a faithful friend and companion. The dog will know his master and will obey his commands.

Now, people are much more complicated than dogs – but we too need special training to be obedient to our Master, the Lord Jesus Christ.

*God created us to communicate with Him.*

*He trains us in the right ways.*

*...So we are happiest when we obey Him!*

- ❖ We need to listen for His voice always, telling us what is right and wrong.
- ❖ We must come to the Lord when He calls us to be His children and to believe in Him.
- ❖ We need to walk close to Jesus, not close to those who tell us to stay away from Him.
  - ❖ We should obey God.
  - ❖ We should always be loyal to Him, never denying that we belong to Him.

*"God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in His holiness."*

*– Hebrews 12:10*