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TRAINING YOUR DOG

Danbury Animal Welfare Society firmly believes in the premise that "A well trained dog is a happy dog. Happy dogs make for happy families". To achieve this end, we recommend the following training.

Crate Training

Using a crate aids in housebreaking and allows the dog to be safely contained when he cannot be watched. A crate also gives the dog his own safe space to relax in mimicking the dens of its wolf cousins.

Basic Manners Training

Our Training Director has created a basic beginning obedience program for the dogs while they are living in our shelter. This program focuses on basic manners training & setting the ground rules for the obedience training their new families will want to work on when they get the dogs home. All dogs begin learning how to properly walk on a leash, how to sit when asked, and wait to go through doorways until the handler asks them. We work on teaching the dogs not to jump up, not to nip at the leash, and to be excited about learning new things.

Obedience Training/Continuing Education

We recommend that all families continue training after adoption. The family should get together & decide what the rules will be before bringing home. For example, will he be allowed on the furniture? If he is not allowed then it is important not to let him on any of the furniture at all, beginning on the day that you bring him home.

Having a new dog is exciting but can be challenging, especially if you have never had a shelter dog before. We strongly advise the families with questions to seek a trainer & ask for help in teaching the house rules. Whether it is group or private lessons, we recommend all dogs be enrolled when they leave our shelter. We have found that adopting families are happier with their dogs over the long term when they and their dogs have received ongoing training sessions. Think of all the fun things you can do with your dog, agility training, Frisbee catching, hiking, swimming and various pet tricks. Keep life active and interesting for your dog, you and your family.

*Making a difference . . .
one animal at a time*