

Dog Property Laws

If I like it, it's mine.

If it's in my mouth, it's mine.

If I can take it from you, it's mine.

If I had it a little while ago, it's mine.

If it's mine, it must never appear to be yours
in any way.

If I'm chewing something up, all the pieces
are mine.

If it just looks like mine, it's mine.

If I saw it first, it's mine.

If you are playing with something and you put
it down, it automatically becomes mine.

If it's broken, it's yours.

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To All Non-Pet Owners Who Visit & Like to Complain About Our Pets...

- They live here. You don't.
- If you don't want their hair on your clothes, stay off the furniture. (That's why they call it "fur"niture.)
- I like my pets a lot better than I like most people.
- To you, it's an animal. To me, he/she is an adopted son/daughter, who is short, hairy, walks on all fours and doesn't speak clearly.

Remember: Dogs and cats are better than kids because they...

- Eat less
- Don't ask for money all the time
- Are easier to train
- Usually come when called
- Never steal/drive your car
- Don't hang out with drug-using friends
- Don't smoke or drink
- Don't worry about having to buy the latest fashions
- Don't wear your clothes
- Don't need a gazillion dollars for college
- If they get pregnant, you can sell their children

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**IN CASE OF
FIRE
PLEASE
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Dear Santa

Here's a Christmas wish, to make my Christmas glow,
All I'd like for Christmas is simply Best In Show.

If that's too much, dear Santa, then my heart would
loop-de-loop,
If you'd see fit to give me a placing in the Group.

In fact, I'd be quite satisfied, and not show too much
greed,
If you'd be kind and generous, and give me Best of
Breed.

Dear Santa, I'd be merry and really feel quite rich,
If you'd arrange a gift for me - Winners Dog or Bitch!

But I'd be joyful, Santa, and I'd dance the Highland
Fling,
If my pup would just be happy and behave in the ring!!!

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Top 10 peeves Dogs have against Humans

1. Blaming your farts on me.....not funny....not funny at all !!!!
2. Yelling at me for barking.....I'm a friggin dog....what do you expect ?
3. Taking me for a walk, then not letting me check stuff out. Exactly whose walk is it anyway ?
4. Any trick that involves balancing food on my nose...STOP IT.
5. Any haircut that involves bows or ribbons. Now you know why we chew your stuff up when you are not home.
6. The sleight of hand, fake fetch throw. You fooled a dog. What a proud moment for the top of the food chain.
7. Taking me to the Vet for the "big snip", then acting surprised when I freak out every time we go back.
8. Getting upset when I sniff the crotch of your guests. Sorry but I haven't quite mastered the handshake thing yet.
9. How you act disgusted when I lick myself. Look we both know the truth, you're just jealous.
10. Dog sweaters ? Hello !!! Haven't you noticed the fur ????

A Dog's Bill of Rights

- I have the right to give and receive unconditional love.
- I have the right to a life that is beyond mere survival.
- I have the right to be trained so I do not become the prisoner of my own misbehavior.
- I have the right to adequate food and medical care.
- I have the right to fresh air and green grass.
- I have the right to socialize with people and dogs outside my family.
- I have the right to have my needs and wants respected.
- I have the right to a special time with my people.
- I have the right to only be bred responsibly if at all.
- I have the right to be foolish and silly, and to make my person laugh.
- I have the right to be forgiven.
- I have the right to die with dignity.
- I have the right to be remembered well.

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Animal Rescuer's Creed

I'll never bring about world peace. I won't single handedly save the rain forest. I'm not a brain surgeon and I'll never transplant an organ to save a life. I don't have the ear of a powerful politician or world power. I can't end world hunger. I'm not a celebrity, and God knows I'm not glamorous! I'm not looked up to by millions around the world. Very few people even recognize my name. I'll never win the Nobel prize or end global warming. There are a lot of things that I'll never do or become.

But today I helped place an animal!

It was a small, scared, bundle of flesh and fur that was dumped at a shelter, or on the streets by unfeeling people who didn't care what happened to it, but yet who were responsible for it having existence in the first place.

I helped find it a loving home.

It now has contentment and an abundance of love. A warm place to sleep and plenty to eat. Two little girls have a warm and playful new friend who will give them unending affection and teach them about responsibility and love. A wife and mother has a new free spirit to cuddle, nurture and care for. A husband and father has a furry friend to sit in his lap at the end of a hard day of work and help him relax and enjoy life. And a sense of satisfaction, that when he is gone all day at work, that there is a gentle spirit in his home keeping watch over his family.

No, I'm not a rocket scientist. But today, I made a difference! And I'll do it tomorrow, too, if given a chance.

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HOW DOGS AND MEN ARE THE SAME

- Both take up too much space on the bed.
- Both have irrational fears about vacuum cleaning.
- Both mark their territory.
- Neither tells you what's bothering them.
- The smaller ones tend to be more nervous.
- Neither does any dishes.
- Both fart shamelessly.
- Neither of them notice when you get your hair cut.
- Both like dominance games.
- Both are suspicious of the postman.
- Neither understands what you see in cats.

HOW DOGS ARE BETTER THAN MEN

- Dogs do not have problems expressing affection in public.
- Dogs miss you when you're gone.
- Dogs feel guilty when they've done something wrong.
- Dogs admit when they're jealous.
- Dogs are very direct about wanting to go out.
- Dogs do not play games with you-except fetch (and they never laugh at how you throw).
- You can train a dog.
- Dogs are easy to buy for.
- The worst social disease you can get from dogs is fleas. (OK, the really worst disease you can get from them is rabies, but there's a vaccine for it and you can kill the one that gives it to you).
- Dogs understand what "no" means.
- Dogs mean it when they kiss you.

TOP TEN REASONS WHY A DOG IS BETTER THAN A WOMAN

- A dog's parents will never visit you.
- A dog loves you when you leave your clothes on the floor.
- A dog limits its time in the bathroom to a quick drink.
- A dog never expects you to phone.
- A dog will not get mad at you if you forget its birthday.
- A dog does not care about the previous dogs in your life.
- A dog does not get mad at you if you pet another dog.
- A dog never expects flowers on Valentine's Day.
- The later you are, the happier a dog is to see you.
- A dog does not shop.

How many dogs does it take to change a light bulb?

Border Collie: Just one. And then I'll replace any wiring that's not up to code.

Golden Retriever: The sun is shining, the day is young, we've got our whole lives ahead of us, and you're inside worrying about a stupid burned-out light bulb?

Dachshund: You know I can't reach that stupid lamp!

Toy Poodle: I'll just blow in the Border collie's ear and he'll do it. By the time he finishes rewiring the house, my nails will be dry.

Rottweiler: Make me.

Shi-tzu: Puh-leeze, dah-ling. Let the servants. . . .

Lab: Oh, me, me!!! Pleeeeeeeze let me change the light bulb! Can I? Can I? Huh? Huh? Can I?

Malamute: Let the Border collie do it. You can feed me while he's busy.

Jack Russell Terrier: I'll just pop it in while I'm bouncing off the walls and furniture.

Cocker Spaniel: Why change it? I can still pee on the carpet in the dark.

Doberman Pinscher: While it's dark, I'm going to sleep on the couch.

Boxer: Who cares? I can still play with my squeaky toys in the dark.

Mastiff: Mastiffs are NOT afraid of the dark.

Chihuahua: Yo quiero Taco Bulb.

Irish Wolfhound: Can somebody else do it? I've got this hangover....

Pointer: I see it, there it is, there it is, right there.....

Greyhound: It isn't moving. Who cares?

Australian Shepherd: First I'll put all the light bulbs in a little circle...

Old English Sheep Dog: Light bulb? That thing I just ate was a light bulb?

Westie: Dogs do not change light bulbs. People change light bulbs, I am not one of THEM, so the question is, how long will it be before I can expect my light?

Hound: ZZZZZZZZZZZZZzzzzzzzzzzzzzz

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What is a Cat?

- Cats do what they want.
- They rarely listen to you.
- They're totally unpredictable.
- When you want to play, they want to be alone.
- When you want to be alone, they want to play.
- They expect you to cater to their every whim.
- They're moody.
- They leave hair everywhere.

CONCLUSION: They're tiny women in little fur coats.

What is a Dog?

- Dogs spend all day sprawled on the most comfortable piece of furniture in the house.
- They can hear a package of food opening half a block away, but don't hear you when you're in the same room.
- They can look dumb and lovable all at the same time.
- They growl when they are not happy.
- When you want to play, they want to play.
- When you want to be alone, they want to play.
- They leave their toys everywhere.
- They do disgusting things with their mouths and then try to give you a kiss.
- They go right for your crotch as soon as they meet you.

CONCLUSION: They're tiny men in little fur coats.

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Dear Dogs and Cats,

The dishes with the paw prints are yours and contain your food. The other dishes are mine and contain my food.

Please note, placing a paw print in the middle of my plate of food does not stake a claim for it becoming your food and dish, nor do I find that aesthetically pleasing in the slightest.

The stairway was not designed by NASCAR, therefore it is not a racetrack. Beating me to the bottom is not the object. Tripping me doesn't help because I fall faster than you can run.

I cannot buy anything bigger than a king sized bed. I am very sorry about this. Do not think I will continue sleeping on the couch to ensure your comfort. Dogs and cats can actually curl up in a ball when they sleep.

It is not necessary to sleep perpendicular to each other stretched out to the fullest extent possible. I also know that sticking tails straight out and having tongues hanging out the other end to maximize space is nothing but sarcasm.

For the last time, there is not a secret exit from the bathroom. If by some miracle I beat you there and manage to get the door shut, it is not necessary to claw, whine, meow, or try to turn the knob or get your paw under the edge and try to pull the door open. I must exit through the same door I entered.

Also, I have been using the bathroom for years -- canine or feline attendance is not mandatory.

The proper order is kiss me, then go smell the other dog or cat's butt. I cannot stress this enough!

How Do You Know When You Have Too Many Dogs?

- When you have more grass in your driveway than in your backyard.
- When your neighbors find ANY dog running loose and automatically bring it to your house.
- When you want to watch TV and you have to sit on the floor because all of the furniture is "occupied".
- When it takes you longer to wash your dogs' dishes than your own.
- When you have to use a wash tub for a water dish.
- When you have to run an obstacle course to get to the phone.
- When you see one of your dogs doing something bad (like chewing something up or leaving a "dog deposit" on the rug) and you have to run through the entire list of dogs' names in order to yell at the right one and by then it is too late.
- When the hazmat team comes to your house on trash day to handle the "deposits" that you have placed in your trash can.
- When you have all of your dogs in the back seat of your car and it automatically changes lanes when they move to the other side of the car.
- When you NEVER go anywhere for a vacation because it costs more to kennel your dogs than to go to Hawaii.
- When you have an extension on your king-sized bed so you all fit.
- When Iams/Eukanuba makes home deliveries.
- When you move your bedroom into the garage and put a king and queen sized bed together so all of your dogs can sleep with you.
- When you can't remember all of your dogs' names and just call them by colors.... 'black dog'.
- When you take your dogs for a run in the park and people think it is a dog show. [more like a 3-ring circus!!!]

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A Dog's Dictionary

BATH: This is a process by which the humans drench the floor, walls and themselves. You can help by shaking vigorously and frequently.

BUMP: The best way to get your human's attention when they are drinking a fresh cup of coffee or tea.

BICYCLES: Two-wheeled exercise machines, invented for dogs to control body fat. To get maximum aerobic benefit, you must hide behind a bush and dash out, bark loudly and run alongside for a few yards; the person then swerves and falls into the bushes, and you prance away.

DEAFNESS: This is a malady which affects dogs when their person want them in and they want to stay out. Symptoms include staring blankly at the person, then running in the opposite direction, or lying down.

DOG BED: Any soft, clean surface, such as the white bedspread in the guest room or the newly upholstered couch in the living room.

DROOL: Is what you do when your persons have food and you don't. To do this properly you must sit as close as you can and look sad and let the drool fall to the floor, or better yet, on their laps.

GARBAGE CAN: A container which your neighbors put out once a week to test your ingenuity. You must stand on your hind legs and try to push the lid off with your nose. If you do it right you are rewarded with margarine wrappers to shred, beef bones to consume and moldy crusts of bread.

GOOSE BUMPS: A maneuver to use as a last resort when the Regular Bump doesn't get the attention you require..... especially effective when combined with The Sniff. See above.

LOVE: Is a feeling of intense affection, given freely and without restriction. The best way you can show your love is to wag your tail. If you're lucky, a human will love you in return. If not, you can always sniff their crotches.

LEASH: A strap which attaches to your collar, enabling you to lead your person where you want him/her to go.

SMIFF: A social custom to use when you greet other dogs. Place your nose as close as you can to the other dog's rear end and inhale deeply, repeat several times, or until your person makes you stop. This can also be done to human's crotches.

SOFAS: Are to dogs like napkins are to people. After eating it is polite to run up and down the front of the sofa and wipe your whiskers clean.

THUNDER: This is a signal that the world is coming to an end. Humans remain amazingly calm during thunderstorms, so it is necessary to warn them of the danger by trembling uncontrollably, panting, rolling your eyes wildly, and following at their heels.

WASTEBASKET: This is a dog toy filled with paper, envelopes, and old candy wrappers. When you get bored, turn over the basket and strew the papers all over the house until your person comes home.

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You Know You've Been Showing Dogs Too Long When . .

- you talk about "scoring" you mean how you did at last weekend's obedience trial.
- you meet a guy named BOB and instantly visualize purple and gold rosettes.
- you think nothing about loudly discussing studs and bitches in a fancy restaurant.
- the first thing you notice about a guy is what breed of dog he has.
- you think stripping is something you do to a terrier.
- your biggest turn-off is a guy with an obnoxious untrained dog.
- you dismiss all the guys your mother introduces you to as "not breeding quality".
- you never could stick to a diet to impress a guy, but you can do it to get through that TDX track.
- your only nice jewelry features either dogs, dumbbells, or rosettes.
- you have a video on how to artificially inseminate your dog but last watched a dirty movie in junior high school.
- your dog has more letters after his name than the last ten guys you've dated, and actually completed obedience school.
- you start using operant conditioning techniques to get what you want from your boyfriend, and you hide your copy of "Don't Shoot The Dog".
- you think that maybe your current guy has potential if you use the proper combination of positive reinforcement and the occasional well-timed ear pinch.
- you "people watch" at the mall by making mental lists of the conformational faults each by passer has to contribute to the gene pool.
- you think if you ever did marry and have children that you wouldn't have to buy a playpen because you already have an extra x-pen. And why buy a crib?? Crates are cheaper and they're enclosed on all sides.
- you give all of your married friends child-rearing advice based on your extensive background in dog training.
- your mother's worst fear is that you'll have a child and make it wear a pinch collar.
- your mother's second worst fear is you'll get married and your dog will be in the wedding party.
- you actually have friends whose dogs HAVE been part of the wedding party.
- your cousin tells you how much her wedding costs you think how many show-quality puppies that could buy you.
- all of your friends always include your dog in any invitation they issue to you. Of course, you reciprocate because you only have doggy friends left ... the others have stopped inviting you places because you insist on bringing the dog!
- you read the personal ads you skip past the vital statistics and rule out any that don't say "animal lover".
- you know your dog's cholesterol but not your own.
- you lament to your friends about chronic yeast infections, they don't know you're talking about your dog's ears.
- you last had a professional portrait done for your high school graduation, but you just spent 50% of your dog's purchase price having his done by the best canine photographer in the country.
- you and your dog use the same kind of hairbrush, and you never can keep straight whose is whose.
- you spend 8 hours grooming your dog for a show the day before, and 1.25 minutes ponytailing your hair the morning of.
- you think that people with bad bites shouldn't be allowed to breed.
- your mother is ecstatic to see you browsing the aisle with the hair coloring, after hounding you for three year to try highlighting.... Only to be disappointed when she finds you are looking for peroxide to "touch up" your Clumber's drool marks.
- someone mentions single bars, you wonder if they are talking about utility or agility jumps.
- you go "clubbing", you have your choice of the all-breed club, the specialty club, the obedience club, or the tracking club.
- you once made earrings out of old rabies tags, and all your friends wanted a pair.

What Is A Breeder?

- A Breeder (with a capital B) is one who thirsts for knowledge and never really knows it all, one who wrestles with decisions of conscience, convenience, and commitment.
- A Breeder is one who sacrifices personal interests, finances, time, friendships, fancy furniture, and deep pile carpeting! She/He gives up the dreams of a long, luxurious cruise in favor of turning that all important Show into this years "vacation".
- A Breeder goes without sleep (but never without coffee!) in hours spent planning a breeding or watching anxiously over the birth process, and afterwards, over every little sneeze, wiggle or cry.
- A Breeder skips dinner parties because that litter is due or the babies have to be fed at eight. She/He disregards birth fluids and puts mouth to mouth to save a gasping newborn, literally blowing life into a tiny, helpless creature that may be the culmination of a lifetime of dreams.
- A Breeder's lap is a marvelous place where generations of proud and noble champions once snoozed.
- A Breeder's hands are strong and firm and often soiled, but ever so gentle and sensitive to the thrusts of a puppy's wet nose.
- A Breeder's back and knees are usually arthritic from stooping, bending, and sitting in the birthing box, but are strong enough to enable the breeder to Show the next choice pup to a Championship.
- A Breeder's shoulders are stooped and often heaped with abuse from competitors, but they're wide enough to support the weight of a thousand defeats and frustrations.
- A Breeder's arms are always able to wield a mop, support an armful of puppies, or lend a helping hand to a newcomer.
- A Breeder's ears are wondrous things, sometimes red (from being talked about) or strangely shaped (from being pressed against a phone receiver), often deaf to criticism, yet always fine-tuned to the whimper of a sick puppy.
- A Breeder's eyes are blurred from pedigree research and sometimes blind to her own dog's faults, but they are ever so keen to the competitor's faults and are always searching for the perfect specimen.
- A Breeder's brain is foggy on faces, but it can recall pedigrees faster than an IBM computer. It's so full of knowledge that sometimes it blows a fuse: it catalogues thousands of good bonings, fine ears, and perfect heads...and buries in the soul the failures and the ones that didn't turn out.
- A Breeder's heart is often broken, but it beats strongly with hope everlasting... and it's always in the right place! Oh, yes, there are breeders, and then, there are BREEDERS!!

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Dog Letters To God

- Dear God, How come people love to smell flowers, but seldom, if ever, smell one another? Where are their priorities?
- Dear God, When we get to Heaven, can we sit on your couch? Or is it the same old story?
- Dear God, Excuse me, but why are there cars named after the jaguar, the cougar, the mustang, the colt, the stingray, and the rabbit, but not one named for a dog? How often do you see a cougar riding around? We dogs love a nice ride! I know every breed cannot have its own model, but it would be easy to rename the Chrysler Eagle the Chrysler Beagle!
- Dear God, If a dog barks his head off in the forest and no human hears him, is he still a bad dog?
- Dear God, When my foster mom's friend comes over to our house, he smells like musk! What's he been rolling around in?
- Dear God, Is it true that in Heaven, dining room tables have onramps?
- Dear God, If we come back as humans, is that good or bad?
- Dear God, More meatballs, less spaghetti, please.
- Dear God, When we get to the Pearly Gates, do we have to shake hands to get in?
- Dear God, We dogs can understand human verbal instructions, hand signals, whistles, horns, clickers, beepers, scent IDs, electromagnetic energy fields, and Frisbee flight paths. What do humans understand?
- Dear God, Are there dogs on other planets, or are we alone? I have been howling at the moon and stars for a long time, but all I ever hear back is the beagle across the street.
- Dear God, Are there mailmen in Heaven? If there are, will I have to apologize?
- Dear God, Is it true that dogs are not allowed in restaurants because we can't make up our minds what NOT to order? Or is it the carpets again?
- Dear God, When my family eats dinner they always bless their food. But they never bless mine. So, I've been wagging my tail extra fast when they fill my bowl. Have you noticed my own blessing?
- Dear God, I've always lived at the shelter and I have everything I need. But many of the cats here have names and I don't. Could you give me a name please? It would be good for my self-esteem.
- Dear God, The new terrier I live with just peed on the Oriental rug and I have a feeling my family might blame me 'cuz they think I'm jealous of this stupid dog. Since they have no sense of smell, how can I convince them I'm innocent?

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Are You A Dog Person?

- You have a kiddie wading pool in the yard, but no small children.
- You have baby gates permanently installed at strategic places around the house, but no babies.
- The trash basket is more or less permanently installed in the kitchen sink, to keep the dog out of it while you're at work.
- You can't see out the passenger side of the windshield because there are nose-prints all over the inside.
- Poop has become a source of conversation for you and your significant other.
- You refer to yourselves as Mommy and Daddy.
- Your dog sleeps with you.
- You have 32 different names for your dog. Most make no sense, but she understands.
- Your dog eats cat poop, but you still let her kiss you (but not immediately afterward, of course).
- You like people who like your dog. You despise people who don't.
- You carry dog biscuits in your purse or pocket at all times.
- You talk about your dog the way other people talk about their kid.
- You sign and send birthday/anniversary/Christmas cards from your dog.
- You put an extra blanket on the bed so your dog can be comfortable.
- You'd rather stay home on Saturday night and cuddle your dog than go to the movies with your sweetie.
- You go to the pet Store every Saturday because it's one of the very few places that lets you bring your dog inside, and your dog loves to go with you.
- You open your purse, and that big bunch of baggies you use for pick-ups pops out.
- You get an extra-long hose on your shower-massage just so you can use it to wash your dog in the tub, without making the dog sit hip-deep in water.
- You and the dog come down with something like flu on the same day. Your dog sees the vet while you settle for an over-the-counter remedy from the drugstore. Your dog is getting old and arthritic, so you go buy lumber and build her a small staircase so she can climb onto the bed by herself.
- You match your furniture/carpet/clothes to your dog.
- You have your dog's picture on your office desk (but no one else's)
- You lecture people on responsible dog ownership every chance you get.
- You skip breakfast so you can walk your dog in the morning before work.
- You are the only idiot walking in the pouring rain because your dog needs her walk.
- You don't go to happy hours with co-workers any more because you need to go home and see your dog.
- Your parents refer to your pet as their granddog.
- Your friend's dog acts as Best Dog at your wedding.
- Your weekend activities are planned around taking your dog for a hike (both days).
- You keep an extra water dish in your second-floor bedroom, in case your dog gets thirsty at night (after all, her other dish is way down on the first floor).
- You never completely finish a piece of food (so your dog gets a taste, too).
- You shovel a zig-zag path in the back yard snow so your dog can reach all her favorite spots.
- You avoid vacuuming the house as long as possible because your dog is afraid of the vacuum cleaner.
- You keep eating even after finding a dog hair in your pasta.
- You make popcorn just to play catch with your dog.
- You carry pictures of your dog in your wallet instead of pictures of your parents, siblings, significant other, or anyone else remotely human.