

"THE ART OF MAKING HUMAN/CANINE CONNECTIONS FOR LIFE!"

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3 BASIC GUIDELINES FOR HUMAN/CANINE INTERACTIONS:

- 1.) ALWAYS make sure that each and every event and experience for your dog or puppy is *safe, engaging, and fun!*
- 2.) ALWAYS use *positive reinforcement* by giving your dog or puppy a small, tasty food treat, along with using the word "YES," to *praise the dog or puppy for engaging with you* in what you have introduced your K9 to encounter or experience!
- 3.) ALWAYS *work slowly and happily* with your dog or puppy, DO NOT PUSH your canine into being afraid of something, someone, or somewhere!

7 SOCIALIZATION SCENARIOS TO ENGAGE IN WITH YOUR DOG OR PUPPY:

[It is recommended to begin these *scenarios* with an *8 week old puppy*, or *as soon as you are able to begin with a younger or older dog* that becomes a new addition to your household. NOTICE: *each category lists specific scenarios, DO NOT LIMIT yourself and your K9 to only these scenarios; be creative and careful to engage your dog or puppy with unlimited life experiences that you and your K9 are most likely to encounter together!*]

- 1.) Playfully Engage & Positively Reward your canine to FOCUS ON YOU when experiencing **7 different SURFACES:** stand on *wood, carpet, cement, linoleum*, stand in *water puddle*, walk over *uneven surfaces*, lay down on a *grooming table*.
- 2.) Playfully Engage & Positively Reward your canine to FOCUS ON YOU when experiencing **7 different OBJECTS:** *fuzzy toys, big & small balls, hard toys, funny sounding toys, wooden or cardboard items, metal items, car keys*. [Notice: this does NOT mean that you allow the K9 to chew on the objects to *desire them or destroy them as their personal property*. The 2 best objects for every K9 to chew on are *KONGS and ELK ANTLERS*.]
- 3.) Playfully Engage & Positively Reward your canine to FOCUS ON YOU when experiencing **7 different LOCATIONS:** *yards or parks, other people's homes inside and outside, lake or pond, vehicles, businesses, kennels, veterinarian*.
- 4.) Playfully Engage & Positively Reward your canine for experiencing **7 different PEOPLE:** *family, neighbors, strangers, (children, adults men & women, elderly adults), people (with wheelchairs, walkers, canes, crutches, hats, sunglasses), veterinarian, groomer, mail carrier or delivery person*.
- 5.) Playfully Engage & Positively Reward your canine to FOCUS ON YOU when experiencing **7 different NOISES:** *garage door opening, doorbell & ringing telephone, children playing and babies screaming, running vehicle motors, washing machine, vacuums, floor fans & lawnmowers*.
- 6.) Playfully Engage & Positively Reward your canine to FOCUS ON YOU when experiencing **7 different FAST MOVING OBJECTS:** [Notice: DO NOT ALLOW your K9 to *chase or act aggressive toward* any of these kinds of objects!] *people running, other domestic or wild animals running, children playing, ball rolling, skateboards, bicycles & scooters moving, motor vehicles traveling on road, objects spinning in place*.
- 7.) Playfully Engage & Positively Reward your canine to FOCUS ON YOU when experiencing **7 different CHALLENGES:** go around and through a *cardboard box*, climb up and down *steps*, climb over *obstacles*, make a makeshift *teeter totter (low to the ground)*, to walk over, go in and out a *doorway* including *automatic doors [the K9 follows you]*, ride an *elevator/escalator*, drop *food* or some *item* on the floor and **walk the dog (on a leash)**, past it **without touching it**.