

Cambrian Park Yorkshire Terriers

Adoption Forms

Cambrian Park Yorkshire Terriers
801 E Buffalo Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
714-442-0576

Before you consider adoption, you should really think about what is required to adopt a puppy. Please read the following before applying.

WHAT A YORKIE DESERVES

- A home that is safe and loving and will provide a yorkie all of the attention that they deserve. Adoptive families must not only be willing to love a dog, but must also be dedicated to helping a dog adjust.
- Owners who are committed to the dog's needs -- exercise, socialization, understanding, patience, and plenty of "quality" time. A new dog has to learn new schedules, routines, etc. Puppies and dogs with separation anxiety require lots of extra attention and often do better in a home where someone either is a stay-at-home mom/dad, works at home, works part-time, or is able to come home frequently. More independent and older dogs still need the attention and care of a person or someone who isn't working long hours. Yorkies are an extremely social breed. If you work more than 8 hours each day away from home, then this might not be the best time for you to have a dog -- regardless of how much you love dogs.
- A comfortable crate. What is a crate? A crate is a specially-made wire, sometimes epoxy coated or a plastic enclosure (Vari-Kennel). It has multiple uses that are beneficial to both you and the dog -- safe housing during transport or while you are away from home, effective means for housetraining, sleeping quarters, feeding area, etc. What a crate is not -- A crate is not cruel. To the dog, a crate is his/her "room" -- a place where the dog can retire to sleep or eat or feel secure.
- A fenced-in yard for potty trips and play-time (not unsupervised). Yorkies have been known to be swept up and away by a hawk or owl.
- Regular exercise. This does not mean simply putting the dog out in the back yard. It means committing to a regular schedule of walks, runs, playing with other dogs, and playing with you! Not only will this interaction help to strengthen the bond between you and your Yorkie, it will help to make a happy, healthy, well-socialized dog!

WHAT A YORKIE IS NOT

- A Yorkie is not for the entertainment of your children. They rarely have perfect temperaments or manners. While many Yorkies love children, you must keep in mind that they are small dogs and can easily be injured with rough play from children.
- A Yorkie is not an inexpensive gift for yourself or someone else. There are many expenses to consider, including adoption fees and veterinary care, as well as the ongoing care of the dog (feeding, healthcare, heartworm and flea and tick control, etc.).
- A Yorkie is not an animal that you can expect to act as if it has lived with you all its life. They usually require large amounts of attention and patience to help them adjust to their new home and family. **NOTE FOR CAT OWNERS:** Not all Yorkies will be good with cats.
- A Yorkie is not a disposable pet. We look to match the most suitable home to the most appropriate dog. We consider your home, work hours, family members, yard size, activity level, and previous Yorkie experience when matching you up with a dog. We also consider the dog's temperament, experience with children, cats and other dogs when matching them up to a family. As a result, we have an extremely low return rate and try to ensure that the Yorkie that goes to your home is not just a pet, but a family member.

Adoptive families will need to show proof of the following prior to placement:

- Veterinary appointment to introduce dog to veterinarian and address any medical issues or concerns immediately.
- That they have read through the documentation and understand it fully
 - Please review information about the breed (temperament, health issues, traits, etc) on the AKC Website (<http://www.akc.org/breeds/recbreeds/york.cfm>).
 - Also view the Yorkie FAQ at <http://www.shooterdog.com/alexfaq.htm>.
- Purchase Collar with ID Tag, Halter, and Leash.

Now, after reading the above, if you can truthfully say to yourself:

"I am (We are) the right person (family) to adopt a Yorkie!"

Then, ***Congratulations!*** -- Please proceed to the next step and contact us either by email, fax, or phone to set up an appointment to come see the puppies. Please note that references will be checked. In addition, the only way we can discuss a dog with you is if you fill out our adoption application.

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Phone: 714-442-0576 Fax: 714-242-9003 Email: adoption@ladymegan.com

Adoption Application

Name _____
Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____
Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Do you live in a: House Condo Apartment Farm Other (choose one)

Do you own/rent your property? _____

If you rent, do you have your landlord's permission to keep a dog? _____

Your Landlords Name _____ Phone Number: _____

Are there any restrictions? _____ (if so, please elaborate)

Do you intend to keep this dog primarily indoors or outdoors? _____

Do you have children under the age of 18 or are there often children visiting? _____

Do all family members work? _____ Occupation _____

Approximately how many hours a day will the dog be left alone? _____

Where will the dog be during the day _____ during the night _____

Are you willing to crate your adopted dog? _____

Why do you want to adopt a Yorkshire Terrier?

Preferred sex _____

After researching the breed, are there any characteristics you would prefer to avoid in an adopted? _____

What activities do you plan to do with your Yorkie? _____

How many years do you plan to keep the dog? _____

Under what circumstances would you give up your dog?

Do you agree to spay or neuter this dog if it has not been done already? _____

Will you take your dog to obedience class? _____

Which trainer do you plan to use? _____

Please list other pets in the home:

Name	Species	Breed	Age	Spayed/Neutered	Heartworm
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Please provide the name, address, and telephone number of your current veterinarian or the veterinarian that you plan to take the puppy to:

If applicable, approximate date of your current pet's last office visit:

List any Humane Societies, Organizations, Breed or Training Clubs you are associated with:

Are you prepared to pay an adoption fee? _____

(Current fees are \$500 for Males, \$750 for females. Dogs are provided with their first set of vaccinations, checked for heartworms and intestinal parasites and treated if necessary, on heartworm preventative, and treated with flea/tick preventive. You will be responsible for follow-up of all post shots and checkups with your own Veterinarian).

Please provide the names, telephone numbers/email addresses of two personal references:

1. _____
2. _____

Please add any information about yourself that you think would be useful in helping us select the right dog for you.

When would you like to come set an appointment to see the puppies?
Mornings? 9-11 During Day? 11-1 Afternoon? 1-3 Evening? 3-8

Whats Day? Mon Tues Wed Thur Fri Sat Sun? Please circle best days.

I certify that the information provided on this form is true & correct. I am also financially and physically able to care for this animal. I understand that proper food and veterinarian care may be costly, and I am able to meet these requirements. I also understand that this application in no way certifies me for an adoption and that it is only to facilitate in qualifying me for an adoption if a dog is available.

Signed _____ Date _____

Please print your name _____

When completed, please return the form to: Christopher Welle, 801 E Buffalo Ave, Santa Ana, Ca 92706, Fax (714) 242-9003 or copy and paste into an email, fill out, and send to adoption@ladymegan.com

What will be provided by Breeder to Adoptive person/families?

For the life of the dog, the breeder will be available to be contacted for support as far as training, health issues, and any questions about that dog or breed. We want to stay in touch with you! Your part of the pack/family now! We don't let you just take the puppy and run. We check up on them and you. Make sure you still have your hair or voice from dealing with a new puppy in the house.

Web page for adopted puppy on Ladymegan.com for the adopter to update themselves or to email the breeder with information to be updated for the puppy. We consider the puppy part of the family and like to keep track of them. By adopting the puppy we adopt you into our family as well. We always want to hear from you about the puppy and want pictures!!! Other people that follow the website like to see about the new puppies as well.

If at any time during the life of the dog that you can not continue to take care of them, you can return the dog to the breeder any time. If there is a health issue that you do not wish to take care of the dog, you can return the dog to the breeder as well. This provides a stress relief as to if something happens and you find that it won't be best for the dog or you and you don't want to just take it to the pound or human society. The breeder will take the dog back anytime without issue. We're here for this line of the breed and will take back any dog that we put up for adoption if the adopter can't or no longer able to take care of the dog at any part of the dogs life.

When picking up the puppy, the breeder will provide:

- A small bag of the puppy food that the puppy has been fed. It's suggested that you keep the puppy on it and slowly move them over to the food of your choice.
- A Pamphlet on how to get your puppy acimated to your home and other such questions. Great little book on how to train and start your puppy off on its new life.
- Medical information on what shots were done as well as the veterinarian who provided the shots as well as seen the mother during the pregnancy.
- A contact list of how to get ahold of the breeder/vet and other such resources if ever needed.

What you will need to provide when picking up the puppy:

If chosen to adopt the puppy, you will need to bring the following.

- Signed Adoption Agreement papers. (Follows this page.)
- Money Order/Cashiers Check, Personal Check with ID and a Utility bill to provide secondary proof of address or credit card to enter on Paypal.com in the amount of the adoption fees.
- Crate/Kennel to carry the puppy home in. We strongly suggest crate training. We have provided a FAQ on what crate training is at the bottom of this file. A Plastic version is nice and easy to clean. Not really small but second from smallest will do. If in doubt call the breeder.
- Collar with ID for the puppy
- Halter – Collar is not something to use for walking with small yorkies. With small breeds, such as Yorkies, their larynx can be crushed easily and a collar is a sure way of going about it. Small adjustable size halter will do.
- Leash – Still need one even if going into the Crate/Kennel. If you need to stop off someplace before going home you don't want to just let your puppy loose out of the crate. Keep them on a LEASH!
- List of contact information of Primary Adults Home address, Phone, Work phone, email addresses to contact at, Vets Address, Vets Phone, and when the Appointment to see Vet.

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Adoption Agreement

IN CONSIDERATION of payment of _____ (\$ _____) dollars, the receipt of which is acknowledged, ownership is transferred to the undersigned adopter(s) who releases, discharges and holds harmless Christopher Welle from any charges or claims arising from the adoption of:

(Name of Dog) _____

(Description) _____

Dam: Lady Megan of Cambrian Park

Sire: Lord Maxwell of Cambrian Park

on (Date) _____

The Undersigned agrees to abide by the "Terms of Adoption" listed below:

1. Return: The above-designated dog may be returned to Christopher Welle within one week of the above date if the adopter is not satisfied with any aspect of the adoption. After one week, no refund will be given even if the dog is returned unless due to health reasons. For health issues the dog may be returned for up to 15 days after purchase for a refund.

2. Transfer of Ownership: The adopter agrees not to engage in selling the dog to pet shops or supplying the dog for raffles, lotteries, auctions, or laboratories.

a. Should the adopter at any time be unable to keep or care for the dog, the adopter will contact and return the dog to Christopher Welle.

b. The dog may not be transferred to another owner without notification to Christopher Welle of the transfer.

c. Adopters will pick up above-designated dog in person or will arrange for Christopher Welle to deliver said dog to their place of residence for a fee.

d. No Shipping or third party transfer will be allowed.

e. Christopher Welle reserves all rights in reclaiming the dog, should he find the adoptive home to be unfit (dog uncared for, any form of animal abuse, or by violation of the agreed upon contract.)

3. Refund: There will be no refund or reimbursements of any expenses incurred by the adopter for the above-mentioned dog excluding already stated reasons.

4. Health Program: The above-designated dog will be cared for humanely, including provision of adequate food, shelter, water and veterinary care and will be licensed in accordance with the laws of the jurisdiction in which he resides.

a. In the case of an unspayed bitch or neutered male, adopter agrees to provide proof of surgery to Christopher Welle within one month of acquisition of the dog, UNLESS PRIOR AGREEMENT or Notice has been made to delay the surgery for any reason. Failure to comply with this condition gives Christopher Welle the right to reclaim the dog.

5. Reason for adoption: The above-designated dog is to be kept as a house pet; it shall not be used for medical or any other experimental purpose.

a. The above-designated dog shall not be used for breeding.

b. Exercise must be in an enclosed area, on leash, or in a controlled situation (i.e., with owner present). IT MUST NOT BE FREE TO ROAM THE STREETS.

6. This dog is Pet Quality Only (Not for Breeding).

Signature Page:

I have read and agree to comply with the terms of the above agreement.

Signed: _____ (Adopters)

Printed: _____ (Adopters)

Date: _____

Signed _____ (Breeder)

Printed: Christopher J. Welle (Breeder)

Date: _____

Puppy Purchase Consumer Information Statement

Breed: Yorkshire Terrier

Color: Blue/Gold

Date of Birth: 6/12/2003

Sex: Male / Female

Purchaser's Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Purchase Date and Price: _____

By Signing below, Purchases acknowledge the following:

- 1. The Puppy has been eating Science Diet Puppy Small Bite dry food. Christopher Welle cannot be responsible for problems which may arise due to diet changes,
- 2. Receipt of physical examination performed by a licensed veterinarian, and Purchaser to take puppy to own vet within 5 days,
- 3. Purchaser assumes full responsibility for:
 - a. All future immunizations and worming as required, and
 - b. If applicable, treatment and/or surgery which may be required for any condition the puppy is afflicted with at the time of sale, but only to the extent that it is noted below,
- 4. no refunds will be given for the puppy except for those conditions goverend by California State law. A copy of the state law is attached to this agreement.

Note: If the puppy becomes ill within fifteen days of purchase, you must contact me before seeking veterinary care.

Pre-existing condition(s) _____

Purchaser's Signature _____

Purchaser's handwritten name _____

Christopher Welle's Signature _____

A STATEMENT OF CALIFORNIA LAW GOVERNING THE SALE OF DOGS

The sale of dogs is subject to consumer protection regulations. In the event that a California licensed veterinarian states in writing that your dog is unfit to purchase because it became ill due to an illness or disease which existed within 15 days following delivery to you, or within one year in the case of congenital or hereditary condition, you may choose one of the following;

Return your dog and receive a refund of the purchase price, plus sales tax, and receive reimbursement for reasonable veterinarian fees up to the cost of the dog plus sales tax.

Return your dog and receive a dog of your choice of equivalent value, providing a replacement dog is available, and receive reimbursement for reasonable veterinarian fees up to the cost of the dog, plus sales tax.

Keep the dog and receive reimbursement for reasonable veterinarian fees up to 150 percent of the original purchase price of the dog plus sales tax on the original purchase price of the dog.

In the event your dog dies, you may receive a refund for the purchase price of the dog, plus sales tax, or a replacement dog of your choice, of equivalent value, and reimbursement of reasonable veterinary fees for the diagnosis and treatment of the dog, if a veterinarian licensed in this state, states in writing that the dog has died due to an illness or disease which existed within 15 days after the purchaser obtained physical possession of the dog after the sale by a pet dealer, or states that the dog has died due to a congenital or hereditary condition which was diagnosed by the veterinarian within one year after the purchaser obtained physical possession of the dog after the sale by a pet dealer. These fees may not exceed the purchase price of the dog, plus sales tax.

In order to exercise these rights, you must notify the pet dealer as quickly as possible but no later than five (5) days after learning from your veterinarian that a problem exists. You must tell the pet dealer about the problem and give the pet dealer the name and telephone number of the veterinarian providing the diagnosis.

If you are making a claim, you must also present to the pet dealer a written veterinary statement, in a form prescribed by law that the animal is unfit for purchase and an itemized statement of all veterinary fees related to the claim. This information must be presented to the pet dealer no later than five (5) days after you have received the written statement from the veterinarian.

In the event that the pet dealer wishes to contest the statement, or the veterinarian's bill the pet dealer may request that you produce the dog for examination by a licensed veterinarian of the pet dealer's choice. The pet dealer shall pay the cost of this examination.

In the event of death, the deceased dog need not be returned to the pet dealer if you submit a statement issued by a licensed veterinarian stating the cause of death.

If the parties cannot resolve the claim within 10 business days following receipt of the veterinarian statement or the examination by the pet dealer's veterinarian, whichever event occurs later, you may file an action in a court of competent jurisdiction to resolve the dispute. If a party acts in bad faith, the other party may collect reasonable attorney's fees. If the pet dealer does not contest the matter, the pet dealer must make the refund or reimbursement no later than 10 business days after receiving the veterinary certification.

If the pet dealer has represented your dog as registerable with a pedigree organization, the pet dealer shall provide you with the necessary papers to process the registration within 120 days following the date you receive the dog. If the pet dealer fails to deliver the papers within the prescribed time frame, you are entitled to return the dog for a full refund of the purchase price, including sales tax, or a refund of 75 percent of the purchase price, including sales tax if you choose to keep the dog.

This statement is a summary of key provisions of the consumer remedies available. California law also provides safeguards to protect pet dealers from abuse. If you have any questions, obtain a copy of the complete relevant statutes.

This notice shall be contained as a separate document. The written notice shall be in 10-point type. The notice shall be signed by the purchaser acknowledging that he or she has reviewed the notice. The pet dealer shall permit persons to review the written notice upon request.

NOTICE: This disclosure of rights is a summary of California Law. The actual statutes are contained in Chapter 14.5 (commencing with Section 25995f) of Division 20 of the Health and Safety Code.

Purchaser's Signature: _____

Date: _____

This is from Alex's Yorkie FAQ on www.shooterdog.com. I highly suggest going to the site and reading more. This is about Crate Training the puppy which is the house breaking training of choice by Ladymegan.com.

I need some tips on house training my Yorkie puppy. Should I paper train, crate train, or what?

Housebreaking a toy dog is not difficult but a job that most people seem to have difficulty at. I can assure you that if you were housebreaking a Great Dane, you would watch the dog like a hawk cause it's no longer a puddle -- It's a lake!

TEN COMMANDMENTS OF HOUSEBREAKING

- 1) THOU SHALT NOT BRING HOME A PUPPY OR ADULT DOG AND EXPECT IT TO KNOW IMMEDIATELY WHERE THE POTTY IS. Every time they move from one home to another they need to be taught where to *go*.
- 2) THOU SHALT NOT EXPECT A YOUNG PUPPY OF 8-16 WEEKS TO BE HOUSEBROKEN. That's like expecting a one year old child to be completely potty trained -- It just AIN'T GONNA HAPPEN.
- 3) THOU SHALT NOT ALLOW THE NEW PUPPY TO *MAKE ALL OVER THE HOUSE AND RUN LOOSE AND THEN WONDER WHY THE DOG GOES BACK TO THE SAME SPOT TO MAKE*. You will have to disinfect the house thoroughly where he has *done his business*. White vinegar in the water will help neutralize the smell because he **WILL GO BACK** to the spot that smells.
- 4) THOU SHALT NOT YELL AT THE PUP (DOG) WHEN HE/SHE *GOES IN THE WRONG SPOT*. Better than yelling, you need to just clean it up thoroughly and put the dog where he is supposed to go. Dogs and most animals learn much better by the PRAISE AND REWARD system.
- 5) THOU SHALT NOT KEEP THE YOUNG PUPS 6 MONTHS OR YOUNGER CONFINED FOR LONG PERIODS OF TIME. They are too young until at least 6 months to *hold* it for that long. Take them out to *make* frequently and generously praise and reward them for *going* where you want them to.
- 6) THOU SHALT NOT PUT A LONG HAired TOY DOG OUT IN THE RAIN TO MAKE UNLESS YOU WANT TO USE A HAIR DRYER WHEN THEY COME BACK IN. To do so could cause a *chill* and tonsilitis and/or tracheobronchitis.
- 7) THOU SHALT NOT EXPECT AN UN-NEUTERED OR UN-SPAYED DOG TO HAVE PROPER *POTTY MANNERS*. It is only nature telling them (boys and girls) to leave calling cards and *scents* for the other sex to notice. Chin up, if they were goats, they would constantly PEE on their heads to make themselves attractive to the opposite sex.
- 8) THOU SHALT HAVE A POTTY PLACE *GATED* OFF FOR YOUR YOUNG PUPPY AT LEAST UNTIL 6 MONTHS OF AGE. It's unrealistic to expect a young puppy to be completely trained until then.

9) THOU SHALT SPEND A LOT OF TIME WATCHING THE DOG WHEN THE DOG IS NEW TO THE HOUSE TO CORRECT BAD HABITS BEFORE THEY START.

10) THOU SHALT READ THESE COMMANDMENTS INSTEAD OF BEING ANGRY AT THE DOG AND MEND *YOUR WAYS*. A dog wants nothing more than to please you.

There are two methods of potty training, and if the weather where you live is not too harsh, it's okay to train them to go outside, if they're old enough....at least 5-6 months....if not, then you may want to consider Litter Box Training.

CRATE TRAINING

Cages are cruel

Not true. A crate is an indoor dog house, just big enough for the dog to stand up and lie down, and turn around in. It's your dog's den, home and place where your dog can feel safe. When you go shopping, or when your pup is very young, it's a good place to keep him out of trouble, however, don't expect a very young puppy to stay in there for really long periods of time. Keep the time crated to short intervals and extend them a little at a time as the pup gets older. They cannot be expected to hold their water for 8-16 hours at a time when just a young baby. Take this into consideration when your pup is very young and if you must be gone for an extended period of time, then leave the door open and keep a place outside the crate where the puppy is allowed to make on papers or on a piddle pad in an exercise pen or puppy play pen. The crate is the dog's "space" in the house. This should be a place where your puppy feels safe. It's his house. He should be made to feel secure in his house and he can sleep while his owners do what they must do, run errands, etc. When you return in a few hours, your dog will not have destroyed the house and it will be a happy reunion. Honest, he'll love his crate and will probably just go to sleep, and you will not come home to "destruction," chewed cords and windowsills, etc.

How long can puppy stay in there?

For a few hours while you go shopping or overnight in the crate next to your bed so you can sleep without worrying about what the pup is up to. If you are going to be gone for a longer period of time, you should get a pet gate and confine the dog to a gated area, where he cannot pull lamps off tables or get at any electrical cords, like in a utility room, or a kitchen. Sometimes there is a covered secure spot in your yard if the weather is good like a deck or fenced in area where the dog can play without escaping, and where no one can get in and steal him! Having a place to keep your dog away from small children is a blessing your dog will appreciate.

Your dog needs to interact with you. Never tie them up or leave them out on the deck or yard for too long without being there to talk to them and interact with them. Dogs are a social animal and need this contact. They need to feel that they are a part of the family, and that means being in the house, even when the family may not be in the house. If you deprive your dog of that feeling of belonging and being part of the

family, it can do great psychological damage to him and he can become neurotic or psychotic. Problems with digging, fence jumping and barking are just a few of the ways neurosis can manifest itself.

It's deplorable to buy a dog and chain them outside all the time because you're too tired, busy, or lazy to train them. You must invest some time and lots of praise to have a canine companion that will be devoted to you for a lifetime. It's worth the time you will invest. When the dogs are young, they all go through destructive behavior and most of them outgrow it and eventually you will feel safe leaving him alone in the house. Please remember that if you allow the dog to "go" all over the house when he first comes to your home, he will go back to where he smells it. Normally, a dog will not urinate or defecate where he sleeps, because then he would have to lie next to it. Crates aren't cheap, but sometimes you can pick up one second-hand without having to put out a lot of money, in the classified or at yard sales. Buying a Crate: Most pet shops, dog shows, or kennel supply houses carry crates. The price depends on where you purchase the crate and the size of the dog. You will probably spend anywhere from \$40 to \$60 for a crate, but it will last for a lifetime. The Fibreglass or Plastic ones are easier to keep clean as they won't rust like wire crates, and they aren't as noisy as the wire collapsible crates are, and considering that this is the safest way for your dog to travel, you've bought him his "dog house" and "car seat" in one package. Your dog's crate should be just big enough for him to stand up, lie down and turn around in..no bigger. The reason for this is so that he can't piddle in one corner and sleep in the opposite corner. This teaches the dog control.

How do I know what size crate to get?

Just stand the dog next to the crate if he is full grown and make sure the crate extends about 4 inches above the shoulders and four inches each side and from front and back of the dog. Big enough for him to turn around in and lay down in. If he's a puppy, you'll have to estimate his full grown size and then place a cardboard box in there to make it just comfortable for him and keep changing the size of the box as he grows. Some brand names of plastic dog crates are: Vari-Kennel, Kennel Cab and Sky Kennel.

Where is the best place to put the crate?

The busiest room in the house, wherever the family congregates.

He keeps crying when in the crate, now what?

Most dogs hate being confined in the beginning, but with a little time to realize they will not be in there forever, your dog will love the peace and safety of his crate. If he cries, just tap the crate and say "No, Quiet now!" in a firm voice. Keep repeating this and don't give in!! Puppies cannot be expected to go for long periods of time without relieving themselves, so you have to make the time confined for short periods and praise the puppy for going in the crate and give him a treat when he goes in willingly. If he doesn't, then just give him a push into the crate and then a treat and a "good boy" verbal command and shut the door. After he is quiet in the crate for a few minutes, come back and open the door and allow him to go use the bathroom spot outside of his crate or wherever you expect him to relieve himself. Make sure the

exercise area is sturdy enough that he cannot knock it down.

As the puppy gets older, he will be able to "hold it" longer and by 6 months should be able to spend an entire night without having to relieve himself.

Be sure to let the puppy relieve himself before you shut him in the crate for the night. **DO NOT** let the puppy out when he is crying!! If you do, you have just taught the puppy he can get his way by being vocal. Always wait until the puppy is quiet before you let him out of his crate. There is an exception to that rule, and that is when you get home after the puppy has been in the crate for a while. The excitement of your return will make your puppy need to "go" so you should take him immediately to the designated "spot" and praise him exuberantly when he does his thing. Do this same thing in the morning, after he has been crated at night. Crate training the Adult dog is a little harder but patience, persistence, and a set of ear plugs should get you through this. Put his bed and toys into the crate and throw in a treat that he loves, and tell him "bedtime" or "crate time." Tell him how wonderful he is for going "in the crate." Play with him for a minute and then close the door when he is comfortable in the crate. Do this a few times and use the same command each time. Put him in there if he refuses and praise him for going to the crate...Good Boy! Keep repeating this command and getting him in the crate until he realizes he will get a reward for going in the crate and eventually you will let him out. You must be consistent. Once the dog will go in there on command, and you can leave him there for a few minutes without crying, you can increase the amount of time that he is in the crate, a little bit more each time. Always be sure he has been to the "potty" before crating. With small dogs, it's sometimes easier in the beginning to put them in the crate at eye level at night, like on your bed stand night table.

Taking Trips

Now that your dog is crate trained, it will be easier to take him along on trips, and he will handle the stress of being shipped if necessary and will be carried safely in a vehicle. You can leave your dog in the hotel room without worry that the maid might come in and accidentally allow your dog to "take off," and being used to being in the crate, the dog will sleep while you are gone.

What can I do to help my new puppy adjust to our house?

1. Set up a schedule and follow it consistently. **ALWAYS** feed, walk, socialize, put out to make, etc., your dog at the same time. Like the rest of us, dogs feel much more comfortable if they know what to expect. Follow this schedule for at least 4 to 6 months, as it will take the dog some time to feel "at home".
2. Be consistent. Not just with the schedule, but with everything you do with your dog. Decide on the rules the dog will live by and then stick to those rules. Dogs learn much more quickly and behave much better if you are consistent in your actions and expectations.

Consistency must start the minute you get the dog home. Everyone in the household needs to agree on the rules for the dog, how those rules will be taught and how they will be enforced. This means that you will need to be prepared for the dog **BEFORE** he comes home. Be fair to the dog -- don't get him on the spur of the moment. Be ready for him. Dogs don't just walk in the

front door and say to themselves "Oh...there's the potty". They need to be trained where to relieve themselves even if they are already housebroken. A new house means new rules and you **MUST TEACH HIM** the rules.

3. Don't get angry. Anger doesn't teach -- it may be understood as a threat or a challenge by the dog. Either way, it doesn't lead to the desired response. Deal with disobedience by using quick, matter-of-fact corrections. Don't get your emotions involved. Many problem behaviors are not the result of the dog's attempt "to get even" but rather a result of being bored, lonesome, frightened or having learned to get attention by some undesirable means.

4. Pack leader. A leader is clear, concise, consistent. Dogs understand and need to have a pack leader. If you don't assert your right to that position the dog will naturally move into the leadership role. That means that the sofa is his, the garbage is his, the Thanksgiving turkey is his, and the new pair of shoes you just bought is his. In short, he is in control. Leaders don't come when called. Leaders may bark when and how long they want. Leaders may bite. Think about it..

Often common behavior problems are caused by the dog's assertion of leadership rights over at least some members of the family. If you are not familiar with "pack leadership" as it pertains to the family dog and training, read *Is Herbert There? A Survival Guide for Pet Owners*, by Animal Behavior Consultant, Terry Jester.

5. Enroll in Training Classes. Training classes help you communicate with your dog. Learning to obey when there are lots of other dogs and people around helps build confidence in both the dog and owner. Owners who work with their dogs find that the mental exercise is just as important as physical exercise for keeping the dog from becoming bored. It is a proven fact that people who put in the effort to obedience train their dogs and maintain the training have fewer problems with their dogs. An added bonus is the working bond that develops between the dog and the owner when they spend time training together. Just because you own a small dog doesn't mean that obedience training is unnecessary. Do be sure that your instructor is mindful of the fact that you have a small dog and separates the classes by sizes or at least moves them separately in the classes until all the dogs are "under control".

6. Praise. Praise is the reward the dog receives for obeying your command.

There are some simple rules for giving praise/rewards:

A) Make the reward immediate. Praise delayed = praise denied.

B) Reward the dog only for obedience. He doesn't get any praise without earning it.

C) Praise should be short-term. Only a few seconds of patting is enough.

D) Don't use food as the primary type of reward.

7. Be positive. Tell the dog what you want him to do instead of what you don't want. It is easier for the dog to understand one positive command (like "down") instead of a series of negative commands (don't chase the cat, don't jump off on the sofa, don't bark). Being positive enforces the idea that you are the leader because you give and enforce commands.

A) Giving commands gives definite direction.

B) Obedience earns a reward (praise) for the dog.

C) It puts you in control.

8. Let him be a dog. Enjoy him, train him, have fun with him. Do not expect him to make decisions. That's your job -- you're the leader. Expect him to act like a dog -- nothing more, but certainly nothing less.

Dogs are intelligent, energetic and very adaptable. Given the right training and being respected for the qualities that have made them "man's best friend" for thousands of years, dogs can become very good companions and valued members of the household. Without training, proper care, or an understanding of how dogs think, feel and react, these four-footed creatures can become problems to both owner and neighborhood, and not give the pleasure that good training can create.