



Paws I Love You

*"If you come in contact with dogs,
you need to contact us!"*

Correction NOT Punishment

Two important things you need to know when living with and training a dog are, the way the mother corrects her puppies, and the way you earn the respect of your dog. He knows you're in charge and wants you to be.

While a pup lives and plays those first seven or eight weeks with mother and littermates, the mother teaches the pup which behaviors are acceptable, and which are not. She does this using the least amount of force required to get the desired result. First, she tries ignoring it, hoping that no recognition will make the pup give up. If this doesn't work, she elevates to a low growl. That's like us saying "Rover, Noooo" in our warning tone. If that doesn't work, she will snap the air in the pup's direction, like us getting up off our chair and loudly saying "hey" as we start in the dog's direction. If none of these things work, the mother dog nips the puppy on the neck. It's just a nip at first, then she increases the severity, if she finds it necessary. She does all these steps in about 3 seconds. But she **STOPS** at the level that gets the pup to stop the unwanted behavior. She never punishes her puppies, she corrects them but never overcorrects. She then immediately gets back to the business of raising and caring for her babies.



It's so important to keep your dog safe. When you **earn** the right to be in charge, you show your dog you will do whatever is necessary to protect all members of the pack no matter what the situation. You will show him how to handle himself and insist upon it. You'll do it in a manner that does NOT invoke fear, but rather makes your dog feel confident in you. The pack leader gets the job done using the appropriate CORRECTION, NOT punishment.