



Dogs' Homes of Tasmania

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Canine Connections ~ Happy Families



The special bond between children and their dogs is something which can remain as a wonderful childhood memory for the rest of their lives. A dog who listened to their woes, watched TV with them, played ball at every opportunity and remained a loyal best friend through thick and thin makes for a very special relationship.

The Petcare Information and Advisory Service advises that the best relationship between dogs and children (whether active or quiet children), is between a caring child who has been taught to empathise and respect the

needs of animals and a well mannered, good natured dog. Parents can help their children achieve this special relationship by:

- Securing a favourite area for the dog where it can go when it is tired of playing with children. Children learn that dogs need space and quiet time too. Overtired children and dogs can both get cranky!
- Teach your child that hitting, pinching or teasing the dog is not acceptable. It is asking too much of a dog to accept this sort of behaviour and even if your dog tolerates it, they should not have to. Your child may one day try it on a dog who is not so tolerant.
- Make your dog part of the family – left alone in the yard, dogs tend to become bored, destructive, unused to being handled and difficult to manage.
- Children should always be seated before picking up a puppy, as a squirming puppy could easily be dropped.
- Puppy pre-schools and training classes are excellent for teaching the canine version of good manners. Teaching dogs to sit before being patted stops them jumping for attention and possibly knocking your child over in the process.

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