

5 Things Your Dog Wants From You

1. Love, love, love: Your dog wants you to love him/her - more. So spend more time: car time, couch time, walk time. Whichever way works best for you--show them the love.

1. A pack leader: Who's the boss? Dogs need a pack leader and if they don't get one - they become one. You don't want your dog running your house, even if they run your heart. Dogs need rules and boundaries that are understood and consistent, or dogs will take advantage.

3. Food: Most dogs love anyone who has ever fed them. It's a very simple way to be allowed into their very simple little hearts. And who doesn't want more food? Your dog needs you to make the right decision. They can't stop the madness on their own.

4. Fun: In the immortal words that could have been sung by Cyndi Lauper: "Dogs just wanna have fu-un!". They could spend all day taking a walk, playing tug-o-war, visiting other dogs, and keeping us company. But life gets in the way. So spend a little more time having fun with what your dog like to do best.

5. Exercise and health: Well, truth be told, dogs like exercise more than we do but it's good for us and for them to get up and out. Dogs want to be outside, exploring, playing, and rolling around in stinky stuff. They really want exercise, and most dogs need more - it's the other half of that diet/exercise plan we need to put into play.