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Understanding your dog's personality and behaviour.

Not all dogs are created equally (any breed) - when it comes to behaviour and personality.

Even more so when it comes to specific breed traits, styles and gameness.

Understanding your specific dog's personality is a key factor when socializing and training.

It is important to come to know what they are and are not comfortable with.

Not all puppies / dogs are the same – not even from the same litter.

Some puppies will strive to be in the spotlight to be the centre of attention and can excel in that area and some are more "reserved" (some call it shy), simply do not like to draw attention to themselves and not inclined to be made a fuss at.

Not all APBT pups show no fear attitude.

Do not force your dog to perform for people or expect them to be aggressive – these traits have to be learned and will depend on your way of raising and socializing the dog you brought home.

Not all dogs are easy to motivate.

Each has their own abilities and limitations.

There are dogs that are more energetic, athletic and seem to be born with that “no fear attitude”.

That is their own personality type. Others might be less over active, less aggressive and might keep to the background.

Each one has their own positive attributes but also negative ones.

This all comes down to understanding and respecting your dog's personality.

There's not a perfect dog.

Don't show your dog anger and frustration for their “seeming” inabilities.

This will just damage your relationship and to bond with them. Love them for their positive and simply respect what they are unable to do or to able to do.

Set realistic goals for your dog's personality type and age when training.

Understanding and accepting your dog's personality will help you immensely in both training and setting realistic goals.

It is important to always remember that your dog is and will become your companion and your friend.

You should be having fun and life together.

The best way to learn what your dog is capable of is by setting training goals. Set short term goals and long term goals.

Short term goals should consist of basic training steps such as come, sit, stay and heel.

Long term goals would include the actual performance and adhering to commands.

Develop a routine that consists of both obedience training and performance training.

Use the actual performance training as a means to deepen your relationship with your dog.

Some because of their individuality will learn and excel more quickly than others.

Enjoy the time you and your dog are spending together.

Remember, your dog will have their own personality just the way you have your own personality.

It's important to take your personality and your dog's personality and try to blend them together.

Any dog training should be fun for both you and your dog.