

TRAINING YOUR PEOPLE



AN OWNER'S GUIDE FOR DOGS

by Otto von Einstein

TRAINING YOUR PEOPLE

AN OWNER'S GUIDE FOR DOGS

by Otto von Einstein

© 1999-2008 WigglyButtz.com
All Rights Reserved



Welcome one and all, to the ultimate guide for dogs!

For too long we have been misunderstood and others have tried to put constraints and controls on us. Well, I'm here to tell you this doesn't have to happen. You can be the dog that's inside you, without getting punished! You can live up to the

potential you have, even within the means of your living conditions!

Through my series of articles, you will be able to help yourself grow and overcome the "typical" pitfalls of dogdom, and have a fun-filled life, and gain the love and respect of the people you live with, despite their personalities!

Keep in mind that not every word in every article will apply to every dog, but you will find pieces in each that you can use as a starting point to gain control of your life and your happiness!

Good luck on your journey to find yourself!

Who's Idea was Housebreaking?

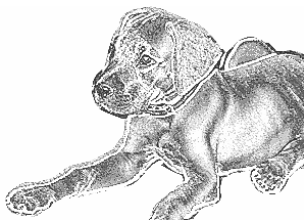
Ok, every dog has a person in his or her life who wants to make sure you don't relieve yourself in his or her house. Well, what fun is that? We all know that we don't like to "soil" what's ours, so we really don't need the formalities of housebreaking. It's not our problem; it's the people's problem! After all, if they took us out for walks when we wanted to, we simply wouldn't have any problems at all!

So, in order to "housebreak" your people, here are a few tips to get them into shape.

- 1 First, you have to gain control of your bodily functions. Don't worry if you don't have control at first; puppies are babies, and just like humans, we don't come with that level of control just yet. Human babies get fancy schmancy diapers and are allowed to pee and poop in them until they're 2 years old sometimes, but we don't have that luxury! We have to learn earlier (probably because we're more intellectually advanced!) So the first order of business is to learn when you have to go and take the necessary steps to let the people know you have to go. This takes time and is a natural part of growing up.
- 2 Once you have function control, then the fun starts. You can use this need to get your way. We have to train our people to recognize what we want. In some instances you may have to soil your home a bit to get the point across!



Later, once the people have caught on, you can use this ability, and these tricks to make your dissatisfaction known. See, people think we don't know any better and just pee and poop in the house at will. We know it's because the people are "too busy" to take us out.

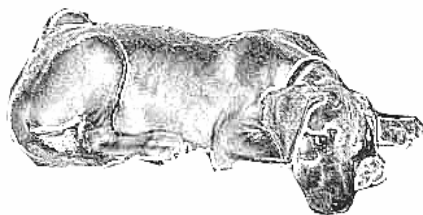


- 3 At the first sign you have to go, make noise. Whimper, sit by the door, sit in front of your person and look sad. This should get their attention. If it doesn't, start walking in circles and sniffing the floor, preferably within view of the person, and it's even better if you sniff their expensive new rug! This should get their attention very quickly!
- 4 If it doesn't, start to squat. Don't relieve yourself right away, just squat, right in front of them and look up into their eyes. If you need to get their attention, knock something over or make a noise. If it gets this far, you might get yelled at, but you shouldn't take it as punishment. After all, you tried to let the person know that you had to go outside, he or she just didn't listen. So if they yell, you'll have the satisfaction of knowing that you got them, and the next time they'll pay attention quicker.
- 5 Once the people are more in tune with your needs, you should only have to make one or two signals to them that you have to go out. They don't know, at least not at first, that you can hold your functions as long as you can, but they don't need to know that yet. This is a great opportunity to get extra playtime and exercise outside!



The Art of Playing (Otto's Tao of Play)

There is a real skill to playing, and it must be studied with intensity unparalleled in the collegiate world.



- 1 First, one must appear lazy (adds to the element of surprise).
- 2 Then one must appear tired and unwilling to take part in silly human acts.
- 3 Next is a tough one, you must WAIT.
- 4 Wait until the humans are distracted and busy.

Then, and only then, you can begin activities. The activities should include at least the following:

- 1 Inexplicable or recognizable sounds ... they should be strange enough to warrant "checking". (Some examples include gurgling, whining bursts, and popping barks.)
- 2 You should run, in no longer than 2.6 second intervals from room to room, picking up as many toys as you can.
- 3 You should suddenly stop, for no apparent reason and lick the wall.



If your family is not paying attention,

- 1 First, chew the chair they are sitting in. This is a tough one, though, because you have to be careful not to get distracted by the sheer joy of chewing the chair.**
- 2 Another tip here is to drink some water and then nudge their butt ... this is really effective if you forget to swallow the water first!**
- 3 If that doesn't work, go directly to the kitchen and select a pot from a larger shelf and drag it to the floor. This should get their attention.**



Afterwards sit quietly for your treat. Do all that is asked for. Then lie down next to them and wait for them to get busy again. Resume activities listed above.

Insist on playing with a specific toy, one that involves them, and refuse any and all other toys. If they refuse to play, lie down with your eyes staring up at them (make sure the white parts are showing for effect) and fake the hiccups.)

Good luck, and never forget these words, the Art of Play is an Enlightenment thing!

Biscuits for the Soul (Healing the Puppy Inside)

Even puppies get tired and "burnt out" sometimes. Ever get that feeling when another chew toy just won't fill that void? (Probably due to a lost puppy tooth, but still.) Well, that's what I'm here for. When you get the puppy blues, just follow these steps:

- 1 Sleep.** Sleep is the great cure for all ills. **AND**, when you sleep, you grow (at least that's what my dad says!) Sleep in lots of different places and positions ... curled up in the shower, under the bed (if you can fit) on the couch, when no one's looking, but remember, whenever you sleep during the day, try to make sure you are **AS CLOSE** to a parent as possible ... it's best if you can sleep **ON** them, but having a foot or head resting on them helps, a foot in the face after a cute stretch is always best.
- 2 Look sad.** This works great to get people to play with you. If they try to give you a toy, hold it so they play with you, too. They especially like it if you bring it back, and jump on them when you do!
- 3 Stand by the door,** as if you have to go out. Since you've caused "trouble" before, they'll stay outside with you, to make sure you don't break or eat anything. This is good, because then you can test them and tease them and chase them!



Arranging your Crate According to Feng Shui (school of Otto) Principles

These Feng Shui principles may differ from what you've read before, but those are different schools ... this is Feng Shui purely for the Great Dane crate.

Bed Placement

- ☉ Ideally your bed should be suited to fit your entire crate, fluffy enough for physical comfort, and colored enough to feed your chi. (Burgundy is best, especially with little pictures on it.) If your bed does not meet these standards, eat it, and make your parents get you a new one.
- ☉ Once the bed is placed to fit in the crate, bunch it up on one end, preferably the door end, since for dogs, limiting negative chi at openings is key, and you want to protect against scolding chi.
- ☉ With the front fluffed up, "dig" a sleeping/nesting hole in the center. This works well because your parents will think it's normal and cute. But don't sleep like that, sleep either diagonally or sideways, it's more comfortable, and confuses others. (That way "loose" negative chi is absorbed by your owners, and not by you.)



Large Toy Placement

- ☉ Larger solid toys should be placed in the **BACK** of the crate. If possible, partially **UNDER** the bed. This protects the good chi your placed in the toys by chewing, and allows the good chi to float up into the bed and then into you. (It's also more fun for digging around later to get at them.)

Squeaky Toy Placement

- ☉ Squeaky toy placement **MUST** be placed where you will unexpectedly roll on them in the middle of a nap. This creates **INSTANT** and **UNEXPECTED** "Fun Chi" the instant the toy makes a noise.

Doll Placement

- ☉ Doll placement changes. Dolls, depending upon size, should be arranged especially for comfort and security, and within easy reach of your mouth, because chewing on them in the middle of a nap alleviates "Nervous Chi".



Balls & Fetch Toy Placement

- ② This is a tough one, since you can really make any toy a fetch toy. But here I'm referring to plastic and rubber toys (especially plastic ones that make noise, like stolen bowls, containers, etc.) Place the balls **INSIDE** the bowls and containers. This is good because it **REALLY** confuses your owners, and also you, when you try to figure out how to get them out. It also makes it fun when your parents try to find the fetch toys, and you get to help them rummage around your crate looking for them.



Stolen Article Placement

- ② This is critical. Stolen Articles like clothes, shoes, pillows, baskets, dishes, newspapers, etc.,.... these should be placed far back in the crate, and under as many things as possible. But you have to be quick, since they probably saw you steal it and will be coming for it. This is good, though, because the farther back it is in your crate, the farther into the crate they will have to come to get it! And chances are, you'll still be in there hiding it when they come for it. That way you can play with them in your crate!



School. Ugh. This is where they take you if they don't like you playing all the time. Here you have to learn things like Heel, Sit, Stay, and all that other stuff. It can be a real drag, and most of the time it's the people who have to learn to be consistent in what they want, but still it is too often seen as a bad reflection on you. It's not fun.

But it can be! See, if you go to school and learn the fickle nature of your person, and can anticipate what they want, then you can be a star at school, and go home and not listen to a thing they say! This is even better because it makes them look foolish, which is always fun!

And on the other hand, school can be fun, because you get to spend all that time with other dogs, meet new friends, AND the whole time you're there, the attention is on YOU! If you're really good, you can then go to obedience and agility classes, where basically you just get to play and have fun! And people cheer you on and you get to jump on stuff, and just have a great time! So you can find fun and good stuff, even in school!



Otto von Einstein was born February 7, 1999 in Ajijic, Jalisco, Mexico. His "parents" are from Nyack, New York, but they're living in Mexico now.

His parents made him his own website, and he got email from all over the world. Otto now has a brother Jocko and a sister Olga, both Belgian Malinois. He also lives with two of Olga's kids, Omar and Tanya, in Northeastern, PA.

Here are some excerpts from Otto's website, written by his "parents":

- 1 We brought Otto home on Monday, March 22, 1999. He was so tiny we could not even imagine him being a large (enormous) dog in the future. For those of you wondering, he DOES know how cute he is and tries to use that to get away with stuff, but overall, he's doing well. He doesn't cry at night anymore, and ALMOST makes it through the night without accidents. (We started crate training him, with a borrowed small dog crate -- crates are prohibitively expensive in Mexico. He outgrew the crate very quickly ... the replacement is awaiting delivery.)**
- 2 He sleeps a lot. And waking him up is a real process; he takes his time, goes back to sleep, and only when it's clear he HAS to wake up, does he begin the move to stand up. But even then he has to lie down at least one more time before he's ready to face the world.**



3 Playing is similar to the waking up process. He has to be convinced that what you want him to do is a better option than what he is already doing, ... so he stares a lot, trying to decide if it's something he really **WANTS** to do. Eventually he decides that the toy you have is the one he wants to play with, for a little while anyway. He has the attention span of a gnat, but then, he isn't even 3 months old yet.

4 His personality started to show through early... not the mischievous part (that started showing up the first night!), but the sulking part, when he doesn't get his way. He's a pouter and a bit of a cry baby (no, we're not being mean, believe me ... he bumps something, looks at us for our reaction, and **THEN** starts to cry!) But he also sulks, and tries to get forgiven when he's done something bad, by being amazingly adorable and sad looking!



5 At ten weeks Otto has picked up a few bad habits. He steals toys from his sister (of course they're toys she's already stolen from one of the other dogs she lives with), digs, eats **EVERYTHING** (including bricks, rocks, plants, rugs, clay pots,).

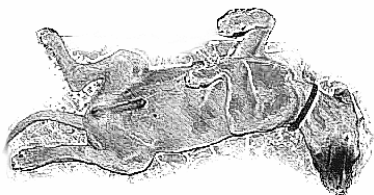


6 He's also found a new place to sleep, the shower. He likes to go in the shower just after one of us has used it and catch the water as it drips from the showerhead. Then he steals the towels and drags them out of reach. When it's time to use the blow dryer, or the vacuum, he tries to hide ... one time he made it all the way under the bed!

He has figured out, though, that the broom is an enemy he has conquered, and so occasionally drags it into the living room, beating it and biting it into submission!

7 He's developed some strange sleeping habits, though. He likes to sleep with "the jewels to the sky", which is even funnier when his tail starts to flicker between his legs in those sleep jolts. He also makes some funny noises ... not snoring, but he clearly has a very active dream life!

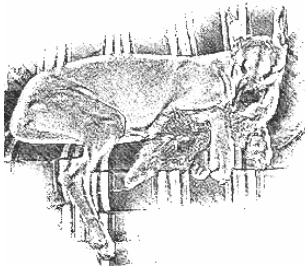
8 At four months Otto has matured quite a bit. He's no longer afraid of the vacuum cleaner ... in fact, he likes to play with it, and even likes to be vacuumed! He still likes the shower, although he doesn't always wait for either of us to finish, he just walks right in! He has learned some new tricks, now he sits perfectly (when he wants to), and gives paw (although for kissing, now), and rolls over in both directions ... even in the car!



9 And while he still LOVES to steal toys, he's made his own new game. He plays this with his water bowl. First he drinks the water, then puts his foot in it and pushes it around a bit, to let us know he wants more water. We attend to his every whim and fill the bowl, which he humors us by drinking little sips out of. When he sees we have been satisfied and we look away, he splashes the water all over the floor, creating his own slip and slide. (We have tile floors). He then proceeds to run like a crazy man around the house, splashing and sliding and slipping all over the place, and having a great time!

10 We do have one little regression to note here, though. He has taken to the couch. We tried valiantly to keep him off it, but he is more stubborn than we were prepared for, and slowly he's wearing us down. He's making being on

the couch the lesser of two evils, as we push him off the couch and he runs to steal the laundry or get on the bed! When he's on the couch he sleeps, occasionally trying to push whoever is on the couch, off.



11 We also took our first mini vacation without him.

That was interesting. When we came back he was WILD. He has eaten his bed; entirely ... there was foam everywhere. He totally and completely shredded it. (Taking the cover off, first, though.) But he also got a new home ... we had a huge Dane-size crate brought to us, so he can grow into it. Since he hadn't been sleeping in a crate for a while (he had outgrown it) we were a little concerned how he'd take to it. He loves it. He goes into it on his own, he sleeps sideways, upside down, and has brought all of his toys (and one's he's stolen, along with some of our socks, pants, etc.) into it to keep close. And he has a new bed, too. He likes this one, too. So far he hasn't eaten it yet, although he's tried. It might be because he's too busy eating the chair.



12 At 5 months he's getting big fast. AND, he can drink out of the bathroom sink! We know this not because he's ALLOWED to drink out of the sink, rather because he tries to during his morning rituals. He has developed a few. He likes to take part in the human grooming ... moisturizer, hair gel, a taste of toothpaste for his minty fresh breath, and playing with the hair dryer.

Otto is also becoming quite a watchdog, at night. During the day someone can walk into the house and he won't wake up, but at night, beware. A buzzing fly and he'll be barking up a storm



and jumping and running all over the house. (Quite amusing when he jumps to the window to protect us, the one that's at the head of our bed! When he's standing over you, barking fiercely out the window with his hairs standing on end, you really realize what an enormous dog you've gotten ... if you are lucky to be awake when he does this, if you're asleep at first, you're a little more preoccupied making sure all your internal organs are still intact.) He is well behaved, though. He sits and stares at food, but doesn't beg. He is learning more and more commands and tricks, and being an all over good little man.



Otto with his little brother, Jocko
(a Belgian Malinois)

TRAINING YOUR PEOPLE

AN OWNER'S GUIDE FOR DOGS

by Otto
von Einstein

The Ultimate People Training Guide for DOGS!

Learn valuable insights and tricks to help you make your relationships better, and improve communication with your person. Using proven psychological approaches, Otto offers a program of training that is a sure success for all involved!

I just loved the articles and the tips! Now my people spend so much more time with me, and I'm really one of them now!

—Murfi, golden retriever

Otto is a FABulous writer. The water slide exercise is my favorite. A must read for all dogs involved with people!

—Coco, great dane

While I'm not fond of training in any form, the section on school was hysterical.

—Rylee, maltese

Otto, give me my ball back!

—Duffy, bearded collie

Otto, leave my puppies alone!

—Olga, belgian malinois and mother of 10!

I feel so betrayed, how could he have come out with this expose?! He's giving away all our secrets so that our "owners" can figure it out and manipulate us. Leave it to a Great Dane to give away the farm, they're always trying to please and suck up

—Jocko, belgian malinois & former best friend of Otto