MANAGEMENT IS KEY TO SUCCESS!

Why bother? Because behaviors our dogs do that come naturally are fun and reinforcing to them. Plus, they tend to work. There are no agendas or schemes for world domination. Simply put, dogs do what works...for them!

If we want them to do behaviors we prefer, we have to employ management while we are training them alternate behaviors so that those oh so naturally easy go to behaviors don’t continue to get rehearsed. Practice makes perfect. Let’s get them good at the stuff we would prefer them to be doing!!

Managing our dogs and their environment is the simple, but takes forethought and legwork. The old ‘practice makes perfect’ quote works with you too! Put this valuable tool to work when you are not actively training due to the situation being too difficult for your dog, not having willing participants or you are simply too tired after work.

Barking
- Block visual access to pedestrians outside of home.
- Have music/background noise to muffle outside noises.
- Put them to work by feeding their meals out of enrichment toys & feeders.
- Notice and reward quiet behavior!

Chewing
- Doggie proof the house by putting valuables away.
- Have lots of different types of toys + rotate them to keep them cool!
- Use a confinement area when you are unable to manage their environment filled with legal chewy items.

Jumping
- Keep your dog on a short leash or step on it to restrict their ability to jump up.
- Put them behind the gate or in their doggie proofed area.

Ready to train?
Teach them your preferred behavior with easy 1, 2, 3 steps.
Add in time-outs for the extra “oh, too bad for you” motivational punch!