



## PLANET K9 DOG TRAINING

### **BENEFITS OF ADOPTING AN ADULT DOG INTO YOUR FAMILY**

What you see is what you get. The dog is not going to grow any larger or change its coat type.

Senior dogs generally have better manners (this is why they have lived to be older dogs).

Senior dogs allow you to sleep through the night.

They are generally house trained and do not demand as much time and attention as puppies.

They don't require as much exercise as a young dog.

Senior dogs are usually calmer and more able to focus than puppies making training easier.

They are capable of adapting to new circumstances.

No matter what age dogs have so much love to give

### **Tips for training senior dogs**

As with any dog always use a gentle positive training method.

Focus on rewarding good behaviour

If the dog displays 'bad' behaviour teach him an alternative reward able 'good' behaviour

Old dogs senses may not be as keen as younger dogs. Make allowances for poor hearing and eyesight. High pitched whistles or clapping can often be heard by senior dogs.

Be aware that as the dog ages he will not be as agile as a young dog. Some exercises will need to be modified or taken at a slower pace.

Be aware that any sudden changes in behaviour may be health related. If your senior dog begins to act uncharacteristically have him checked by your veterinarian.

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