

THREE THINGS I've learned from my children

- 1** A 3 year-old's voice is louder than 200 adults in a crowded restaurant.
- 2** Legos will pass through the digestive tract of a four year old. Duplos will not.
- 3** A 2 year old can memorize all the train names from Thomas the Tank Engine but not remember what "no" means.

THINGS MOM WOULD NEVER SAY

"Go ahead and keep that stray dog, honey. I'll be glad to feed and walk him every day"

"Just leave all the lights on... it makes the house look more cheery"

"How on earth can you see the TV sitting so far back?"

"Don't bother wearing a jacket - the wind-chill is bound to improve"

"The curfew is just a general time to shoot for. It's not like I'm running a prison around here."

"Let me smell that shirt—Yeah, it's good for another week"

"Yeah, I used to skip school a lot, too"

"Well, if Rahul's mamma says it's OK, that's good enough for me."

"I don't have a tissue with me... just use your sleeve"

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Pet Etiquette

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As parents, we set boundaries for our children to ensure they remain safe. Our animals also need guidelines. Animals who come into contact with people on a regular basis, such as dogs on a walk, need strict ground rules implemented by mommy and daddy. Pet etiquette is flattering to you, your pet and it shows respect for the strangers you will meet. As with all dog training, it is best to start at a young age.

Leash Your Pooch

Unleashed animals are a common issue in public. While taking Fido out for a walk, remember that not everyone wants your galloping 4-legged friend to mow them over. Be a considerate pet owner and keep your dog leashed at all times for his safety and the safety of others. As pet owners, we have a responsibility to our pet and to the general public to keep them mutually safe.

Making Friends

While walking your leashed dog you may approach another pet owner walking their-cross your fingers-leashed dog. Allow the dogs to say hello from a distance and if they seem friendly, allow them to approach one another slowly. Confirm with the other owner that their dog is friendly. Keep an eye out for signs of aggression, such as growling, lunging, or altered body posture. I never mind dogs kissing but I do not want my dog forced upon by another dog. If this happens the owner should immediately recall his pet.

Barking

A dog that barks incessantly may become an irritant to others. A dog who is barking may also become prematurely hypersensitive to its surroundings, as barking is an indication of territory defense. Constant barking can be a result of lack of exercise, social interaction or training. Consult your veterinarian or dog trainer for hands-on help. Your neighbors will thank you!

Well training your pet will result in a respectful family member. Your friends will be more likely to interact with your dog, as will other animals. Boundaries are healthy necessities for our pets, just as they are for our children.



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