



Dee Ganley works with her very attentive dogs.

## ***Dee Ganley Has "Gone To The Dogs"***

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Dee Ganley's life has gone to the dogs, and she wouldn't have it any other way.

Her book, *Changing People Changing Dogs*, hit the shelves in its present form in 2008, and the techniques Dee recommends to readers exemplify her philosophy of successful dog training. Dee's book has been recognized as runner-up for Best Professional Dog Behavior Book of 2008, and in it, she shares how dogs and their behavior can be better understood by the people who love and care for them.

Dee has always loved animals. Grooming dogs and cats led her into the field of behavioral training specifically for dogs, and she disagrees with more traditional forms of discipline that rely solely on punishments for bad behavior.

Dee's experiences have taught her how to interpret what a dog's behavior means, and as a result, she advocates for a combination of positive reinforcement and teaching a dog to make good behavioral choices. Many times, dog behavior is too quickly punished, but once a dog owner understands why a dog acts a certain way, that behavior can be more easily corrected.

Dee often welcomes dogs into her home to be fostered, finding them good

matches in loving homes who will continue their education when she feels they are ready. One such resident is a border collie named Jax, who she adopted last year. He was 10 months of age at the time. Dee is working on teaching him when and where to use his natural herding instincts and teaching him self-control behaviors in lieu of chasing kids, bicycles, and cars. She will be keeping him.

Dee believes that the key to success is a combination of patience and a willingness to invest the time necessary to work with the animals. There are always tears when a fostered canine friend goes to a new home, but Dee is happy to unite these special cases with equally special people.

With a schedule of consultations and workshops throughout the US and abroad and other books in the works, Dee is as busy as ever. There is no question that Dee finds her work extremely rewarding, and she never forgets a furry face.

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