

Lessons from a Golden Retriever

Something to Think About

Things We Can Learn From A Dog (source unknown):

- Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride.
- Allow the experience of fresh air and wind in your face to be honest ecstasy.
- When loved ones show up, run to greet them, especially when they're coming home.
- Trust those who know more than you do and practice obedience to them.
- Let others know when your territory has been invaded.
- Take naps and stretch often.
- Run, romp, and play every chance you get, at least daily.
- Eat with gusto and enthusiasm. Be grateful to those who feed you.
- Be loyal.
- Never pretend to be what you aren't.
- If something you want is buried deep, dig until you find it.
- When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit nearby, and nuzzle gently.
- Thrive on the loving attention you're given and let people who mean well touch you.
- Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.
- On hot days, drink lots of water and lie quietly under a shady tree.
- When you're happy, dance around with exuberance and wag your whole body.
- No matter how often you're scolded don't buy into the guilt thing and pout; run right back and make friends as fast as you can.
- Delight in simple joys: a long walk, cold water, having your hair brushed, throwing a ball with a friend, etc.
- Bond with your pack.