

Things to know about Dogs

- Dogs get scared and excited, happy and sad, hungry and thirsty just like you and me. If you watch carefully they will let you know which of these they are.
(Tail down: I don't like that sound)
(Waggy tail: I am pleased to see you)
- Many dogs like being stroked, but it is always better to check with the dog's owner first – ('Can I stroke your dog?' Or with the dog 'Would you like to be stroked?')
- They like being called by their name ('Hello Freddy,' 'Good dog, Freddy.')
- They like having a bowl of fresh water somewhere they can easily get to, and a soft place to sleep.
- They like a game (throwing a ball for them, or a toy) They are great chewers so give them something you don't mind being chewed up!
- They love going for a walk
- When you get back home they may be thirsty so see there is still water in their bowl.
- They like to be brushed if you do it gently.
- They like to share what you are doing (reading a book on the sofa),
- It is better if they don't share your food but have their own.
- Sometimes they like to kiss your face or jump up but if you say 'Down, Freddy!' usually they will stop.
- Dogs don't like their tails or ears being pulled.
- Dogs don't like being shut in a small space or being carried around and treated like a toy.
- They like being your good friend, and if you treat them kindly they will be your friend for ever.