



Activities For You and Your Dog Together

When you and your dog engage in a variety of activities together, you strengthen your bond. You will improve your dog's well-being by helping them stay physically and mentally active, while having fun at the same time. Here are just a few of many ideas to help you enrich your dog's life.

- Take a walk. Vary your route; it will keep things interesting for you and your dog.
- Play fetch.
- Go to an off-leash dog park.
- Take your dog with you while you run short errands that would not involve leaving your dog alone in a parked car, such as picking the kids up from school.
- Take walks with friends who have dogs.
- Get a book on dog tricks and teach your dog something new.
- Have your dog "work for his supper" by placing his kibble in a cube or ball that dispenses the food one piece at a time
- Take a class with your dog. We offer some great classes that go beyond basic obedience. They will allow you and your dog to develop a stronger bond and have fun at the same time. (If you would like suggestions on which class might be right for you and your dog, please ask us.)
- Become a pet therapy volunteer team. (Ask us how to determine if your dog has the right temperament for this work.)

The Austin Dog Alliance, a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, provides the following programs:

- Rescue: Our foster parents provide a nurturing home environment for dogs.
- Youth Outreach: Dog-related educational programs for area schools and youth groups.
- Deaf Community: Uniquely tailored youth and adult dog training taught in sign language.
- Dog Training: We provide a wide variety of fun and educational dog training classes.
- Pet Therapy: We provide seminars, classes, evaluations, placement, and support to therapy teams in local schools, hospitals, and nursing homes.

