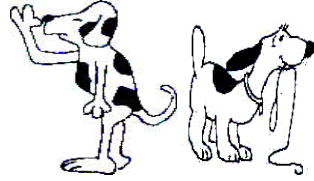
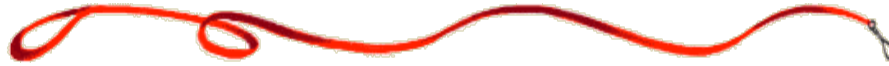




Last Chance Dog Training



Turn This . . . Into This!



Summertime

Time to put the dog in the yard where they will be happy!

Not really. Keep in mind that your dog is a pack animal and very social. Its main desire is to be with the family and that does not mean tied out in the yard while the family is in the house.

I see an awful lot of back doors with the paint scratched off from the dog trying to get back into the house. To me this is a pretty good sign that the dog wants to be with you, and that they don't find the back yard all that interesting. If you must put the dog outside for long periods, do it correctly. Don't tell me "It's okay, I have a fence." Any determined dog can beat the average fence by going over, under around or through, or just awaiting that chance when the gate is left open.

Probably the best type of fence is an invisible fence where the dog wears a radio collar and gets a small shock when they try to cross a boundary. Also, it only takes about a day to install one.

The most secure way to confine a dog is an enclosed wire kennel with a wire top and a cement floor. Unfortunately it's not all that nice for the dog, it can be very expensive, but you can be sure the dog will still be there when you come home.

My preferred method of confining a dog outdoors is the simple overhead cable run between two trees or a post and the house. It's inexpensive, safe and very effective. Also most pet stores carry kits with everything you will need.

Creature Comforts

- Something else to keep in mind is providing adequate shade - a tree is best - or a large awning.
- A dog house should be provided if the dog is going to be outside in cold weather.
- A good source of water should be provided, meaning something your pet cannot tip over.
- This may sound extravagant but some dogs actually enjoy having a child's wading pool to cool off in on a hot day.

But getting back to the beginning, the dog would prefer to be in the air-conditioning *with you!*