

# Puppy Love

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## I Will Always Love You!

No matter how much you love your sweet baby, life can get a hectic and you may feel your little doxie is not getting all of the affection he deserves. But, making a few simple adjustments to your normal day can reap big rewards for the relationship between you and your dog. Here are some affectionate activities to try:

**CUDDLE.** Wake up just five or 10 minutes early every morning so you can share a morning cuddle time in bed with your little doxie.

**TOYS.** Are an important addition to your dog's happiness. Have a variety and change them out every day or so, be sure to include interactive toys. A new toy is a bonus.

**HANGOUT.** Encourage your dog to lay on your lap, beside you or at your feet. Sleeping with you is even better

**TOUCH.** Show affection to your dog by massaging their bellies or behind their ears. Brushing your dog is a great bonding tool and it feels good too.

**WALKS.** Just a special five minute walk is great, a long walk is always a treat.

**PRAISE.** Give 30 seconds of praise occasionally every day. Your dog may not understand what you are saying but he completely understand a kind, calm, loving voice.

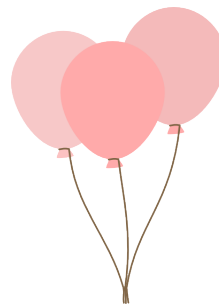
**TRAINING.** You can take your dog to formal classes or just spend 15 minutes a day training on your own. Dogs appreciate rules and boundaries to help them feel safe and secure.

**BODY LANGUAGE.** Try to understand what your dog is feeling so you can react appropriately and foster a strong bond.

**DRIVE.** Most dogs love a car ride so take him along when you are running errands. But, never leave them in a car unattended.



This is precious two-week old Piper. She is an English cream that will develop her cream coat over the next few months. She now lives in Michigan with her family.



When you rub a dog behind his ears, your massaging touch releases endorphins from his brain that spread throughout his body. According to Dr. Allen Schoen endorphins are hormones that induces relaxation, reduces pain and gives a feeling of contentment.

