

The Philosophy of Dogs  
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I never thought that I would admit to being the father of an animal, but Pepper changed all of that. Pepper is my four-legged child who waits expectantly for me to get home each night and excitedly wags her tail and whimpers with delight when I walk in. One of my goals in life is to be as good a person as my dog already thinks I am. In honor of Pepper's fifth birthday, I would like to share with you some of her dog philosophies, some quotes about dogs, and a dog song to brighten your day and enrich your life.

Philosophies: Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joy ride. When loved ones come home, always run to greet them. When it's in your best interest, practice obedience. Never pretend to be something you're not. If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it. No matter how often you're scolded, don't buy into the guilt thing and pout. Run right back and make friends. Stick close to those you love most.

Quotes: "The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue." "If you think dogs can't count, try putting three dog biscuits in your pocket and then give him only two of them."-Phil Pastoret. "A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself."-Josh Billings. "Don't accept your dog's admiration as conclusive evidence that you are wonderful."-Ann Landers. "If your dog is fat, you aren't getting enough exercise." "Women and cats will do as they please, and men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea."-Robert Heinlein.

The song: "God and Dog" by Wendy Francisco. ([www.GodandDog.org](http://www.GodandDog.org)). "I look up and I see God, I look down and see my dog. Simple spelling G-O-D, spelling backwards d-o-g. They would stay with me all day, I'm the one who walks away. But both of them will wait for me and dance at my return with glee."

"Both love me no matter what, Divine God, and canine mutt. I take it hard each time I fail, but God forgives, dog wags her tail. God thought up and made the dog. Dog reflects a part of God. I look up and I see God, I look down and see my dog. In my human frailty, I can't match their love for me. I've seen love from both sides now. It's everywhere. Amen, Bow wow!"