



DIGGING DOGS

LEARNING COMMUNITY
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Guiding Principles

These are the 7 Guiding Principles of our community. We follow these to make the learning mission a success for all of us:

1. **Be Passionate** – Love what you do, let it show.
2. **Be Friendly and Supportive** – Give each other confidence. Share positive feedback and kind words. Condescending comments or “gotcha” will have no place here.
3. **Challenge Yourself to Learn and Grow** – Our mission is building knowledge and skills together.
4. **Participate** – Share your ideas and experiences, from writing to video. Never be afraid to give a “wrong” answer; we only learn by trying new concepts and practicing new skills.
5. **Be Open-Minded** – Seek first to understand, then to be understood. Be empathic and non-judgmental.
6. **Be Caring** – Help dogs, help people. Use a LIMA approach in training and behavior solutions.
7. **Get Hands-On with Dogs** – Learning by doing is the most powerful way to develop your skills.