

# CANE CORSO INSIDER!

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# Is A Cane Corso A Good Family Dog?

It's a very important question. Whether we're Cane Corso owners already, or just thinking about owning one, this question insists on an answer.

We have spent the last 14 years with Cane Corsos in our family. Our experience leads us to a definite conclusion. That's what this video is about. So stick around! Over the next few minutes, we'll reveal exactly what that conclusion is.

The Cane Corso is devoted to his family. He is loyal and protective, and he makes a great companion and guardian for all your family. He is gentle and affectionate with kids. However, because this is a large dog, caution is advised with small children and babies.

The Cane Corso's natural characteristics and tendencies will make him a good family pet. But, of course, there are some common-sense considerations and guidelines that you should apply. We'll look at these now.

## Is A Cane Corso Dangerous?

Some have said that the Cane Corso, or Italian Mastiff, is dangerous or aggressive. We do not agree with this sweeping statement. Firstly it is not really possible to make a generalized statement about a whole breed of dog. Secondly, there is nothing in the Cane Corso breeding history to support this.

The Cane Corso temperament tends to be calm and stable.

A lot has been made of their lineage as mastiff breed and a roman war dog. But today's Cane Corso dogs were never bred or intended to be fighting dogs.

They are a working dog, and they were bred to be protectors, which is an entirely different thing. Even the name reflects this — Wikipedia states that the name Cane Corso is 'from Italian cane (dog) and 'corso' from the Latin 'Cohors' meaning 'protector'.

Ultimately, whether any dog is dangerous or not depends on the individual dog, the circumstances, how he is treated, and how he has been trained. If you pick a suitable puppy, give him a good environment, treat him well, and train him well, there is no reason at all why your Cane Corso should be dangerous, and every reason why he will be a good family dog.

## **The Cane Corso's Imposing Appearance Can Be Misleading**

The size and the imposing appearance of the Cane Corso is probably the number 1 thing which causes people to think the breed is dangerous or aggressive. He certainly *can* look that way, particularly with his ears cropped — but appearances can be deceiving.

Although the Internet is full of pictures of big Cane Corsos with cropped ears, and draped in chains and studs, this is a misleading image for the dog.

With his family, the Cane Corso is a gentle and affectionate companion.

## **Are Cane Corsos Aggressive Towards Others?**

Not inherently. Any dog can become aggressive under the right circumstances. Such as if he is being mistreated, or threatened. And the larger the dog, the more potentially dangerous that aggression becomes.

But the Cane Corso dog breed is not inherently more aggressive or more dangerous than other breeds.

A Cane Corso raised in a good family environment is highly unlikely to be aggressive towards anyone. A Cane Corso which is abused or provoked could just as easily become as aggressive as any other dog.

A Cane Corso who has not been trained is more of an unknown quantity. And his size, muscularity and agility would make that a dangerous situation.

Which is why dog training is so important, and particularly for a dog with the size and strength of the Cane Corso. It is important to guide their behavior whilst they are still young, so that their natural characteristics are enhanced.

## **A Cane Corso As Your Family's Best Friend**

The Cane Corso does have a natural tendency to be protective towards those he loves — which will be your family and children. This is why he makes such a good guard dog. But this does not necessarily mean he is a danger to others.

Any dog can be provoked into an aggressive reaction, but under normal circumstances the Cane Corso is your family's best friend. He will never be a danger to his family and, though he may be alert to the presence of approaching strangers, he is not automatically aggressive towards them.

So that's the Cane Corso as a family dog. Treat him well and he'll be loyal to you forever. Train him early on to obey your basic commands, so that he knows your the leader. Socialize him early so that he learns how to behave in a wide variety of situations.

With these simple things in place, the Cane Corso is a fantastic family dog, an affectionate companion, and a loyal guardian.

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# Can Cane Corsos Live With Other Dogs?

Living with two Cane Corsos for 14 years, along with other dogs, has given us many experiences which help to answer this question.

The answer is, yes, Cane Corsos can live with other dogs.

Our Cane Corsos have lived with dogs who were older, dogs who were younger, dogs who were bigger and dogs who were smaller. They have lived with males, females, their own breed and other breeds. They have even lived with cats. They are a great family dog.

So, if you're wondering whether Cane Corsos can live with other dogs, let's get into the things you should think about — some general, and some specific to your situation.

Firstly, think about dog behavior in general. Regardless of breed, dogs are designed to live in packs. They typically work out their pecking order and live in harmony.

Sometimes this can be alarming to us humans, as dogs growl and snap at each other. But they are usually not intending to hurt one another. They are establishing leadership, alpha and beta, positions on the totem pole, whilst avoiding fighting.

## Cane Corso Breed Characteristics

Next, you should consider the breed characteristics of the Cane Corso dog in general. Each dog breed has its own essential qualities. The Cane Corso is an Italian Mastiff. It's not entirely the same as other mastiffs, although they share some similar tendencies.

Getting into the details you should consider, first and most obvious is this: the Cane Corso is a large strong breed. Not only is it a mastiff breed, it has the natural tendencies of a guard dog, and it's incredibly agile.

A dog owner must always take responsibility for training and socializing. But this is particularly important with a big dog, because out-of-control behavior potentially carries more consequence with a large breed.

So, throughout this article, temper what is being said with the requirement to observe and control the behavior of your dog, and adjust where necessary. It's perfectly possible to have your animals living in harmony, but a lot of it is down to you, and what your animals perceive that you will accept or not accept.

Cane Corsos are very good at following the lead of their owners. An animal or a person who is clearly accepted by the owner will be accepted by the Cane Corso as a result. And the owner's sharp command to 'settle down' or similar will quickly convey the owner's wish to stop whatever is going on.

Cane Corsos are often said to have an independent streak, and an inherent prey drive.

As far as independence is concerned, our experience is that intelligence and loyalty have a stronger effect on the Cane Corso's behavior. The Cane Corso becomes attached to his owner and his family, and independence takes a back seat.

In terms of prey drive, again, the family consideration tends to mitigate this. We published an article on [CaneCorsoDogOwner.com](http://CaneCorsoDogOwner.com) 'Can Cane Corsos live with cats?' where we described how 'our' cats became 'their' cats as the Cane Corso family dynamic developed.

## **The Inherent Character Of Your Own Cane Corso**

Now let's think about the inherent nature of your particular Cane Corso. This is where it is so important to find a good Cane Corso breeder and communicate with him or her. The breeder will know which puppies in the litter are most dominant, which are more submissive etc.

You should talk to the breeder and explain that you are looking for a dog that will be living with other dogs, in a family environment. Or whatever your circumstances are. Just make sure the breeder is clear about what kind of life your new puppy will be living, and in what environment.

A reputable breeder can then help you select a puppy with a suitable personality and appropriate tendencies.

A word of caution. Some breeders are catering to a segment of the market that wants a dangerous-looking dog. The imposing appearance of the Cane Corso is well suited to the image of a huge muscular dog with cropped ears, a studded collar and a thick chain as a leash.

If you're looking for a Cane Corso that will live well with other dogs, make sure you are not dealing with a breeder who produces dogs with an aggressive attitude.

The way you treat, train and interact with your dog will be the biggest factor in his development. But you'll get better results, with less work, if you start out with the best raw material — a puppy with the right inherent characteristics for you.

I hope that's helped you answer the question of whether Cane Corsos can live with other dogs. For us, experience has revealed the answer pretty clearly.

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# How Strong Is A Cane Corso?

Cane Corsos are certainly considered a strong breed of dog. They're bred for their strength and working ability. They can pull carts, they can herd livestock, and they can also be used as guard dogs.

They have a powerful build and are very muscular. They are a confident breed and they're not afraid of anything. They have an instinct to be protective of their family and home, they are a loyal breed and they make good pets.

Historically, Cane Corsos have been used for hunting large animals such as wild boar, wolves and even bears. Although hunting such large and predatory animals would've been done in packs, rather than with a single dog, the Cane Corso breed has clearly been bred for strength.

So, how strong is a Cane Corso? In terms of pure muscle power, they are one of the strongest dog breeds out there. They are able to take down prey much larger than themselves and have frequently been known to protect their owners from danger.

## Is The Cane Corso The Strongest Dog?

The Cane Corso is generally considered to be one of the stronger dog breeds out there. With their muscular build and impressive physique, they can be quite intimidating.

They may not be the right dog for everyone, and they're probably not for the first-timer owner. But those who are looking for a imposing and protective dog would do well to consider the Cane Corso.

The Cane Corso is not the strongest dog, however. Several breeds are quite a bit bigger. The English Mastiff and the Neopolitan Mastiff spring to mind as much bigger dogs. The Kangal and the Bandog are also larger and more powerful.

However, the Cane Corso is far more agile than other mastiff breeds. Our -pound male jumped over the closed tailgate of our Land Rover and through the open window above. He would parkour around vertical walls on our property, chasing lizards. It was truly an awesome sight for such a huge dog.

## Which Dog Is Stronger Pitbull Or Cane Corso?

Both breeds are very powerful. An individual dog's strength really depends on its genetics and training. The size of individual dogs can vary, too, but the Cane Corso is the larger breed by a considerable margin. Therefore we can expect the Cane Corso to be the stronger dog in pretty much every case.

## **How Big Is A Cane Corso?**

The Cane Corso is a large breed of dog. Historically, they have weighed anywhere from 90 to pounds, and they might stand as much as 27 inches tall at the shoulder. The AKC breed standard states 90 to 100 lbs

But that seems to be changing. They are being bred larger and larger, and are commonly found as big as 150lbs, nowadays.

This is not necessarily a good thing. As they get bigger, some of the prized agility will be lost. And extra weight puts more strain on bones and joints.

## **How Strong Is A Cane Corso Bite?**

The Cane Corso has one of the strongest bite forces of any dog. At 700 PSI, it's even stronger than a lion! Only the Kangal and Bandog typically have a stronger bite. These have been bred for centuries to have a strong bite and to be able to protect their owner and their property.

## **Are Cane Corsos Dangerous?**

Despite its size, strength and huge bite force, the Cane Corso is not a dangerous dog by nature. However, these factors make it essential that a dog like this is always under control -- the consequences of any bad behavior could be severe.

Consequently, Cane Corsos should be socialized and introduced to a training routine at an early age, whilst they are still small enough to be easily controlled.

The Cane Corso temperament is actually calm and stable, unless it has been affected by adverse breeding practices. A well-trained and socialized Cane Corso is highly unlikely to be dangerous.

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# **Cane Corso Eye Colors — What's Acceptable?**

Cane Corso eyes can be very striking. The eye colors can include various shades of amber, light brown, gold, and yellow. They can even appear red, but this is really a deep amber.

These colors are often seen with dark brown pigmentation on the eyelids and black coloring around the outer corners of the eyes. Cane Corsos are also known for their deep, dark brown eyes which can be quite captivating when set against a lighter coat color.

In this video, we will take a look at the different Cane Corso eye colors, their relation to coat colors, and colors that are accepted.

## **Do Cane Corsos Have Blue Eyes?**

The answer is no, not under normal circumstances. Blue eyes are considered a fault in the breed according to the AKC breed standards. It is rare to see Cane Corso adults with blue eyes.

## **Do Cane Corso Eyes Stay Blue?**

They should not. Cane Corso puppies may be born with blue eyes, but the eyes will normally change to one of the other colors.

The shade of the eye color may deepen as they get older, but it is unlikely that they will keep their blue eyes.

If a Cane Corso's eyes stay blue, it is likely that they have a genetic defect and should not be bred.

## **Do Cane Corsos' Eyes Always Change Color?**

Mostly, they do. Eventually the eyes of most Cane Corso puppies will change color due to several different processes that take place as they grow older.

When a puppy is first born, its eye color can be anywhere from blue to dark brown. During the first six months of their life, Cane Corso eyes will change color multiple times before reaching their final, permanent shade.

Some Cane Corsos will have eyes that stay the same color throughout their lives. However, the majority of them will change at some point.

## **When Do Cane Corso Puppies' Eyes Change Color?**

The age at which they change can vary depending on the dog. Blue eyes in Cane Corso puppies will usually change to one of the other colors by the time they are six months old.

Some puppies may change eye color earlier or later than this.

## **What Eye Colors Can Cane Corsos Have?**

Amber, light brown, gold, and yellow, are the normal eye colors of a Cane Corso. With the deeper shades of amber almost looking red — especially when combined with a very dark coat color.

These colors may be seen in different combinations and shades, depending on the dog.

## **Cane Corso Amber Eyes**

Amber eyes are a common occurrence in Cane Corsos. They may be found in many shades. Amber eyes are considered to be the most desirable eye color for the breed according to the AKC breed standards.

## **Cane Corso Gold Eyes**

Gold eyes are also a common eye color in Cane Corsos. They are most likely a shade or variant of amber or light brown eyes. Gold eyes are considered to be the second most desirable eye color for the breed according to the AKC breed standards.

## **Cane Corso Yellow Eyes**

Yellow eyes are actually a cause for disqualification according to the AKC standard, which favors as dark an eye possible, for the coat color in question.

## **Cane Corso Eye Colors In Relation To Coat Colors**

Coat color can often be a predictor of a Cane Corso's eye color. Dogs with lighter coats will generally have lighter-colored eyes, while dogs with darker coats will have darker eyes.

There are exceptions to this rule, for instance, the red or fawn Cane Corso that has darker eyes but, in general, coat color and eye color tend to be correlated.

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# Should You Get Your Cane Corso's Tail Docked?

Should you get your Cane Corso's tail docked? This is quite a hot question, as we'll see.

In this video, we'll look at why Cane Corso tails are docked, and see whether those reasons give you enough to make a valid decision, to dock. or not to dock

## Why Are Cane Corso Tails Docked?

The tails of Cane Corsos are traditionally docked because it is believed that having a tail gets in the way when they are working

This concept probably dates back to when the Cane Corso's duties including defending livestock and humans on Italian farms, fighting off and hunting large dangerous prey.

For a dog in these circumstances, docking the tail probably makes sense.

But, is your Cane Corso a working dog? The big majority of Cane Corsos today are not in these circumstances. They are living an entirely softer life as a family dog.

For this, the largest group of of Cane Corsos, the old validations for docking the tail no longer apply.

Truth be told, I think the biggest reason for tail today is purely aesthetic — I think, many people believe that a Cane Corso with a docked tail is a look they find pleasing.

## What Is Tail Docking?

Tail docking is a procedure where the dog's tail is surgically shortened, typically by about two-thirds of its length. The procedure is most commonly performed on puppies, usually at around 7-10 days old.

The practice of docking tails is an old one. Change comes slowly, and it is still common in some parts of the world.

There are a number of methods that can be used to dock a tail, but the most common is to simply cut it off with scissors

## Do You Have To Dock A Cane Corso Tail?

There is no legal requirement to dock a Cane Corso's tail.

As far as I know, the AKC breed standard *used to* require the tail to be docked at the 4th vertebrae, to to 1/3 the overall length. But the current Cane Corso Breed Standard definitions allow for both a docked tail and a natural tail.

So there is no requirement there, either

It comes down to the preferences of the individual dog owner. Some people choose to dock their Cane Corso's tail, others don't want to do it.

Advocates for the practice of docking tails say there are pros and cons to both options. They say docking a Cane Corso's tail can prevent them from being injured if they get into a tussle with another animal.

But nature put the tail there for a reason. Several good reasons, actually. The tail is a big part of a dog's balancing mechanism. Ever seen greyhounds running flat out? It can make any dog more susceptible to injury if they do not have their tail to help them balance.

The dog's tail is also a huge part of its communication system. Even us humans can plainly see when a dog is happy or sad, or scared, according to what the tail is doing. Don't you think other dogs can interpret that with 1000 times more sensitivity? Removing the tail, or cutting it back to a stump takes away all that communication from the dog.

Opponents of tail docking say there are no pros only cons. The average Cane Corso will be a family dog and he is not at risk from enemies grabbing his tail

Ultimately, the decision whether or not to dock a Cane Corso's tail is up to the owner.

Some people dock their Cane Corso's tail because they believe it is a tradition in the breed, while others do it for cosmetic reasons.

## Is It Cruel To Dock A Dog's Tail?

There is much debate over whether or not it is cruel to dock a dog's tail.

Proponents of docking argue that the procedure is painless and that it is performed for the benefit of the dog. They say that dogs with docked tails are less likely to suffer from injuries and are also less likely to be targeted by other animals.

Opponents of docking argue that the procedure is painful and that it is performed **for the benefit of humans**, not dogs. They say that dogs with docked tails are more likely to suffer from injuries and are also more likely to suffer from medical conditions such as spinal cord injuries.

## Is Tail Docking Painful For Cane Corso Puppies?

Who knows? None of us have ever had our tails docked. Proponents of the practice claim that it is painless, but how do they know?

What I know is that I don't want somebody cutting several joints off any of my extremities, and I'm pretty sure there must be pain involved at some point.

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# How Far To Walk A Cane Corso Puppy — Facts Explained

How far you walk your puppy, how long, and how often are decisions that will have a big effect on his health and happiness. Puppies need the right amount of exercise to stay healthy and well-adjusted.

The Cane Corso was bred as a working dog, and their history includes a lot of exercise. But that's not the whole story, as we will see...

In this video, we'll look into all you need to know about how far to walk a Cane Corso puppy and how long you should walk him for.

So, how far *should* you walk your Cane Corso puppy?

The distance you need to walk your puppy will depend on his age and activity level. There is really no recommended distance that you should walk him — it's more about the total exercise he gets during the day.

But your puppy's walking should be limited to avoid damage to his bones and joints while he is still growing. The guidelines of the American Kennel Club (AKC) recommend that puppies from 8 to 12 weeks old are taken on a walk for no more than 10 to 15 minutes a day.

In fact, during this period, your puppy will probably get all the exercise he needs from your basic potty training work and general playing. If you think about it, he will be fed 3 or 4 times a day, and will need taking out each time, for house training purposes. He will sleep a lot during the day, and will need to be taken out when he wakes up. So you can see how his typical daily activities will give him his basic exercise requirements.

Of course, the length of your walks may change as your dog grows older. The amount of activity that you give your puppy will depend on his age, energy levels, state of health, and weight.

Once your dog approaches adulthood, you can gradually increase the length of your walks to 30 minutes and then, finally, to one hour. Remember to always keep an eye on your Cane Corso's energy levels and adjust the length of your walks accordingly. If your puppy is starting to look tired, it's time to head back home.

As your puppy transitions into a full-grown adult, keep a careful eye on his gait. Is he walking normally with a fluid action? Does he have any awkwardness or limping?

## How Much Exercise Does A Cane Corso Puppy Need?

We said at the beginning of this video that it's not so much about how far to walk your puppy, it's more about the total exercise he gets during the day.

Matching the right amount of exercise to your puppy's age and maturity level is very important. A Cane Corso puppy needs the right amount of exercise — not too much, and not too little. Total exercise time of about 15 to 30 minutes a day should be sufficient and should also avoid any danger of damaging bones and joints that are still developing.

As your puppy grows older, you can gradually increase both the length of your dog's exercise and the frequency.

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# Should I Put My Dog In A Crate? (Everything Explained)

This is a widely discussed question. There are definitely some misconceptions about whether you should put your dog in a crate. In this video, I'll give you the information you need.

Hi. I'm Robert Hawkins, from [CaneCorsoDogOwner.com](http://CaneCorsoDogOwner.com)

So, should you put your dog in a crate? Yes. Under some circumstances, it is essential that your dog is constrained, for his own safety. And in other situations, it is beneficial for both your dog and you. But be sure not to leave your dog in his crate for too long.

When your dog is a puppy, it is just not safe to allow him to roam the house unsupervised. Your breeder will have raised the litter in a pen with the mother. You will need to continue a regime where the puppy is either supervised, or confined to a safe area.

When you are asleep at night, and unable to supervise your young puppy, it is necessary to keep him out of harm's way. If he is allowed to roam unsupervised, your house contains many dangers for him. For example, he can easily chew through an electrical wire and suffer injury or death.

The most practical way to keep your dog safe is to provide him with his own crate.

## Common Dog Crate Fallacies

Some dog owners are against the use of dog crates. Their view is that dog crates deprive an animal of his rights and natural requirements.

Such a high ground view is all very well, but it is also completely impractical.

The same argument about constraints impinging on dogs' rights could be applied to every person using a dog leash. But we must constrain our dogs when walking in the street. The dog leash is a legal requirement in many circumstances.

In the same way, it is a responsible dog owner's duty to constrain a dog in the home, when unsupervised.

## **Is A Dog Crate Cruel Or Inhumane?**

Other arguments against providing a crate for the dog claim that it is cruel or inhumane. Our experience shows that this is complete nonsense.

Our dogs love their crates. They like to go in their crates. They go in there of their own accord and sleep happily there, sometimes for hours at a time.

The crate is their safe haven. They feel secure there, protected on all sides.

Our older dogs are now fully grown. They do not require constant supervision and they therefore do not require crating for their safety. When they wander into their crates and go to sleep, there is no need for us to close the crate door.

## **Crate Training**

The crate training process is an easy way to get into training. Your dog easily learns to use his crate and the fact that the crate is part of day-to-day life means that training is naturally reinforced every day.

A crate-trained dog will be much easier to introduce to other forms of training.

## **Should I Put My Dog In A Crate In The Car?**

This is a good idea, from a couple of points of view.

Firstly, the crate restricts movement of your dog in the case of an accident. In other words the dog won't be thrown through the windscreen, or thrown into an object with high impact.

And this restriction of movement is good from another angle. It means that you can focus on driving, and not have any distraction. You don't need to keep an eye on what your dog is doing. You know he's safe in his crate, and he can't distract you.

## Should I Put My Dog In A Crate As Punishment?

No. The crate must be somewhere that the dog views positively. It should not be a negative experience. And it should not be associated with the negative experience of you being cross with the dog, and the dog being told off.

There are better ways to discipline your dog.

So, that's our quick rundown on the frequently-asked question 'Should I Put My Dog In A Crate?' In summary, a crate is very beneficial for both you and your dog and there is no good reason not to to give your dog his own safe haven. He'll thank you for it.

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# Cane Corso Rescue

Rescuing a dog is always a fantastic thing to do. You're providing a home for an animal that really needs one. But you also have to make sure that it's the right thing for you.

The Cane Corso is a big dog with a lot of strength, and he also has also a very high bite pressure. So, whilst he is not necessarily dangerous by nature, the consequences of any bad behavior are multiplied by his physical characteristics.

When you buy a Cane Corso puppy, all the elements of his circumstances, training, and socialization are in your control. And you can make sure that all of this is handled in the right way. You can work towards an adult dog which has ideal behavior patterns.

When you obtain an adult Cane Corso from a rescue center, all of that opportunity to shape his behavior has been lost to you. You're also missing essential knowledge about his temperament and behavior, and what happened in his life before you met him.

## Other Animals

We've been lucky. Our Cane Corsos get on well with our cats. We had our Cane Corsos from eight week old puppies, and one of our cats was already in residence at the time we brought the Cane Corsos home.

So, as tiny puppies, they easily took on board the family cat, and adapted accordingly.

But, I would definitely be more apprehensive about bringing home an adult rescue Cane Corso, if I already had a cat.

It's the same if you already have other dogs. Mostly, with a bit of care everything will be fine. But, again, it's very different introducing a new Cane Corso to other animals when he is a puppy, and introducing an adult animal from a rescue place.

With a rescue Cane Corso, you should take extra care with the first meeting with your existing dog. You should arrange a first meeting on neutral ground, and see how they get along. You can discuss this with the rescue staff.

## Children

Of course, the stakes are even higher if you have small children. Here, it becomes essential that you are able to fill in the knowledge gaps in relation to your rescue dog's temperament and behavior.

One way you may be able to get the information you need is if the rescue dog has spent time in a foster home. If your intended rescue dog has spent time with a family similar to your own, you can get the information you need about how he gets on with other animals and children.

## Health

All the issues related to lack of knowledge also apply to the dog's health background. When you get a Cane Corso puppy from a reputable dealer, you get to know about his lineage, his genetics, the health situation of his parents. You also get health information such as hip score and eye score of his parents included with his papers.

But this information is also likely to be missing when you get a Cane Corso rescue dog.

The Cane Corso is a big dog and vet bills are correspondingly high. You don't want any health surprises.

## Your Experience As A Dog Owner

in my view a rescue Cane Corso is not for the first time dog owner. Some people say the Cane Corso is not a good choice for a first time owner at all. I think it's fine if you are getting a Cane Corso as a puppy from a good breeder, but I wouldn't recommend it for a rescue Cane Corso with all the unknown variables we have been discussing. I think adult rescue Cane Corso will be better suited to a dog owner with some experience.

## Summary

In summary, rescuing a Cane Corso is a noble thing to do. And there is no doubt that you can end up with a great dog and a win-win situation.

But it is essential to be aware of the pitfalls discussed above. Fill in the knowledge gaps about the behavior, temperament and health of your intended rescue dog by whatever means you can.

Either by full and frank discussion with the rescue center staff or, ideally, by finding a rescue dog candidate who has spent time in a foster home, in family circumstances.

Information about how he has done under those circumstances will go a long way towards assuring you make a good choice.

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# 5 Ways To Use Everyday Events For Natural Cane Corso Training

Everyday events, things which occur naturally throughout the course of each day, are a fantastic opportunity to train your Cane Corso.

And, of course, with this large mastiff breed, training is imperative, to ensure that you are in control. Obedience is extra-essential for a large dog.

Hi. I'm Robert Hawkins from [CaneCorsoDogOwner.com](http://CaneCorsoDogOwner.com)

We're talking about using the convenience of everyday events and harnessing the power of repetition to drill in some bulletproof basic obedience training.

Along with some simple socialization, this is all you will need to ensure your Cane Corso is a good family dog.

The magical combination is when your dog really wants something from you, and is thus giving you his full focus and attention.

At these moments, he will learn whatever you want to teach him very quickly indeed. And the fact that these events occur naturally every day, means that the commands you teach your dog will quickly become habitual behavior which is totally ingrained.

This is the simplest, easiest way to approach dog training, and the quickest way to get started. And the Cane Corso temperament will respond very well to these methods.

## Feeding Times

Feeding times really are the 800 lb gorilla in training opportunities. There is perhaps no other time when your dog truly wants something from you this much. It becomes a training opportunity which literally cannot fail, as long as you use it consistently.

There is an inbuilt opportunity here to teach your Cane Corso puppy at least four of the staple commands.

You can have him sit at a point a few yards away from where you prepare his food.

You can teach him to stay whilst you back away to where the food is.

You can have him lie down whilst you prepare his food.

And, finally you can teach him to come to you on command when the food is ready.

## **The Kong As A Training Tool**

Stuffing a kong with something desirable, such as chicken or other meat, or peanut butter, typically keeps the dog working for about 15 minutes.

We actually used the kong as a reinforcement in our early crate training.

You can also use the kong as an incentive to help your Cane Corso to learn to sit, stay, lie down, or any other command.

## **Evening Snack — Apples Etc**

we give an apple to our dogs, both as a treat and for health. They look forward to this treat, they know exactly when it is time for them to get it.

And it provides yet another opportunity for regular training and reinforcement, with all the same benefits — you have your dog's undivided attention, and he has a very heightened desire to please.

And, of course, this is the perfect opportunity to teach him to take the food from you gently, and to generally respect you and your hand.

Now you have an easy and natural daily training and reinforcement to make sure your dog never develops food aggression or 'resource guarding' — which can be a serious problem.

## **Walk Times**

Here's another thing that typically occurs regularly, and presents another great opportunity for training and reinforcement.

We're not talking about leash training here. More about using the fact that you have your dog's attention to teach and reinforce basic commands.

You can make the dog come to you, and you can make him sit while you put on his lead. You can make him stay while you open the door. Like all the other opportunities we are discussing here, you can make him do pretty much anything you can think of whilst you have his attention.

## **Play Times**

If you can find a few minutes a day to play with your dog, it is a great help in bonding.

Even if you can't get outside on a given day, you can always spend a few minutes playing with inside. And, if you do, you once again have everything in place for some good training opportunities.

You can teach or reinforce any of the typical commands I have already mentioned, and you can most likely come up with a few more commands, depending on the context of what you are doing at the time.

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