



## What's wrong with kissing the dog?

I can think of a few things that are wrong with kissing the dog. Oh, things like a mouthful of hair, fur, among other unmentionables. Oh yes, then there is the chance of being bitten by your dog from that harmless kiss.

Why would the dog bite the mouth that kisses you ask? I teach in my dog training sessions that dogs are not people. I'll address this topic in another article but let's see exactly what is wrong with kissing the dog. Kissing goes along with the spoiling and that is usually a recipe for disaster. What I teach is that kissing is akin to licking and if it isn't grooming that we are engaging in than we must be acting subservient to the dog. If you watch the dogs who lick other dogs, you will notice that the leaders are being licked around the mouth area as a show of respect and innocence from the "lesser" dog. Simply put, that's what we do when we shower our dogs with kisses.

A dog walking client was given a warning bite (bruised skin) by an otherwise sweet and docile dog. This person wanted the dog to do something that the dog did not want to do so the bite was issued as a warning. When the dog is in the company of a Canine's Choice dog walker or a Canine Nanny dog trainer, one would never allow this particular animal to do such a thing. Too many hugs and kisses to a dog can turn this beauty into a beast.

Thankfully, this client has decided to take the our advice. The sweetness that everyone else sees from this dog is starting to happen for the very person who deserves it the most.

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