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# DOGS HAVE FIVE LOVE LANGUAGES

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While you may have heard about the five love languages in various facets of human life, they can also relate to our canine companions.

At Happy Pets Palace and Playground, the pet care specialists take into account the languages of love when caring for the pups staying at the boarding facility and those coming in for doggy daycare. Each dog speaks a different combination of the love languages.

So, what are the five love languages, and how does Happy Pets Palace fulfill them for the dogs?

Let's start with *words of affirmation*. Just as humans like to be praised and complimented, it's the same for dogs. Well, maybe not the compliment part, but dogs react positively to praise and words of excitement. Dogs know when their people are happy and proud of them—they hear it in our tones of voice. Often, dogs will respond back with the wag of a tail or a happy bark.

Dogs get lonely without interaction just like humans can, and that's where our next language comes into play—*quality time*. Dogs need human interaction. They need their family to mentally stimulate them with playtime, walks or snuggling on the couch.

Don't you like spending quality time with your significant other? Well, your dog needs quality time, too. Happy Pets Palace fulfills quality time with follow the leader, obedience games or throwing a ball. Some dogs need humans, while others are happy to look and see that we are still around.

*Receiving gifts* is next on our list of love languages. We all like gifts, but no one is more grateful for a treat or new toy than your dog. At Happy Pets Palace, there are toys and balls for the dogs, as long as resource guarding isn't a problem. Healthy treats also are handed out—with parental consent.

*Acts of service* works both ways in terms of the dog or human form of this particular love language. Staff at Happy Pets Palace provides service by reading to the dogs, playing with bubbles or giving them nice brushings. With

that being said, our dogs want to serve us, too. Performing tricks or tasks for humans can help a dog to feel valued.

For some people, *physical touch* may be the most important love language, and it can be the same for dogs. Hugs and cuddling reduce stress and blood pressure. So, grab your dog close and get in a good snuggle. Many dogs at Happy Pets Palace love being pet or hugged, while others love to give the staff plenty of kisses.

Everyone at Happy Pets Palace makes it a point to observe the language(s) each individual dog prefers because the combinations of the love languages are unique to each dog. Outside of the award-winning boarding facility, it's a great idea to be mindful of the specific love language to which your dog responds most frequently. Once again, words of affirmation, quality time, receiving gifts, as well as acts of service and physical touch are the five languages of love.

Does your dog need more mental and physical stimulation? Bring your dog to Happy Pets Palace, where each pet care specialist will treat your dog as family and work to fulfill each of the love languages. ■

Happy Pets Palace is located at 1908 E. McKellips Road, on the northwest corner of McKellips and Gilbert roads. For more information, call (480) 207-1852, or take a virtual tour via the live webcams at [happypetspalace.com](http://happypetspalace.com).



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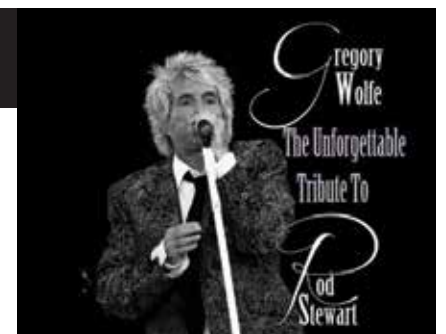
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