

How to show your dog you love them? Let us count the ways!

♥ A rose by any other name

With up to 300 million olfactory receptors, your dog's nose is more than just an adorable feature – it's a scenting powerhouse. Stimulate your dog's mental and physical superpowers by giving him some fun scenting challenges. [Click here for some easy "nose work" ideas.](#)

♥ Healthy Hearts

Does your dog rejoice at the mention of the word W-A-L-K? This simple act is a great way to spend quality time with your fuzzy friend and it happens to be great for your heart and hers. [Brush up on leash skills here.](#) If your mobility is limited, a game of fetch can be a fun way to keep your dog active. [Teach them to bring it back with our handy tips.](#)

♥ Pamper Your Pup

Regular grooming sessions are a great way to keep your dog's skin and coat healthy, and maintain his teeth, ears and nails. As an added bonus, petting your dog can lower stress levels for both of you. Additionally, gentle massage allows you to notice anything unusual in your pet's condition that might require veterinary attention.

♥ Togetherness Time

Training classes are an excellent opportunity to have regularly scheduled quality time with your dog. Besides providing a new and interesting experience for your dog, learning new skills helps strengthen your bond together. [Check out our upcoming offerings!](#)

♥ Absence makes the heart grow fonder...

...if you give her a "job" to do while you're gone. Busy work (i.e. enrichment activities!) in the form of "Kongs" or other food puzzle toys can help your dog feel mellow while you're out. Here at the shelter, a mixture of kibble, canned food, with a little water and peanut butter gets stuffed into Kongs and frozen for a long-lasting, tasty treat. A quick Google search can yield lots of fun recipes. As always, keep your dog's dietary needs and safety considerations in mind when leaving chewy goodies unattended.