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**Privileges**

Once my dogs are fully trained and listen 100% of the time, I do allow them privileges, because they have earned them. They can eat human food, lie on the furniture that I allow them access to, and have toys in the house. But they are only allowed such after they have proven themselves to be my subordinates and completely reliable when I command them. The key is that they have earned the rights and provides. This will not confuse them because they are not challenging for the Alpha position. The Alpha will allow the Beta to get away with more than he will allow the other pack members to get away with.

If my dogs begin to disobey, ignore my commands or act inappropriately, I take away the privileges that I have allowed them to have and immediately treat them as my subordinates again, i.e. no human food, off the furniture and no toys.

Yes, I do have a soft side, but only if it is earned!