

Hi

My name is Guinness, I'm a pure bred Husky and 1 year and 8 months. The first 4 months of my life I lived with a 20 year old in Salinas. He had drug problems so his parents rescued me. They had a ranch with horses, dogs; cats. Because of my looks they were very worried about my safety of me being shot by other ranchers, mistaking me for a wolf or coyote. Besides they feared as I grew the dominance issues with two of the grown male dogs. I was free to run on the ranch and down to the stream as I wanted.

Then I was rescued by another owner with a home in San Francisco and 9 acre ranch in Atascadero. As I got older I took on more of my Husky characteristics and began to wonder further and further. I didn't know it, but once again I was in danger of other property owners with farm animals, and now in a big city of cars, and bad people. So he brought me to the city home more. I'm very smart though and spent my days finding new ways to escape. I can escape from any where over time. I'll find a weakness and know or bang at it. So you must do constant maintenance.

As most Huskies I need to be around my family (people). Although I did have a kennel and dog house where I sleep with my step brother, I was never truly happy. If left alone all day I will howl for hours out of loneliness, and I can howl. My last owner had Husky and Malamutes mixes all his life, but never one like me. He got me to keep Sikoo a malamute mix company, but as I got older that was not enough. Because he only works 6 to 8 months out of the year, during his off time he take us too the ranch and camping, and be with us 247. However when he worked he might be gone ten hours a day and that was not good for me. The neighbors took me for walks when he was busy, but I need more attention then that.

I am trained to heel, sit, come and stay off the grass. However I will bolt if you let me off the leash. The 2 inch rule for collars does not apply to me, when we first go out for walks if I'm high energy. I am very good at getting the leash taunt, twisting and turning to slip my head out. I can do this in 30 seconds, and you must immediately say "sit" and I will, but put me quickly back on leash. If you hesitate I will bolt, because that means to me I'm free to go. And if that happen you'll never keep up. Or I'll tease you, let you catch up, run some more, and stay just out of your reach.

My last owner would take me to an enclosed (school playground) area and I'd run at top speed for 8 to 10 minutes. He commanded me to sit and stay till he said, "go ahead, or go on" Then I was very obedient and obey every command and we walk through McClaren Park off leash. I love to play with other dogs and if they are mean I back down and find nice dogs who want to play. I'm also good with cats, all my owners had them.

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FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES FOR AT LEAST THE FIRST TWO WEEKS WITH YOUR NEW DOG. PLEASE REMEMBER SOME DOGS WILL TAKE LONGER TO ADJUST SO BE PATIENT.

- DO, immediately show your dog to his/her appropriate toilet area.
- DO; take your dog to the designated toilet area once an hour, every hour, on leash (except overnight). Allow supervised free time only after he relieves himself in the appropriate area. If your dog does not go to the bathroom on one of these trips, confine him to his "doggie den" OR keep him on leash and supervised, until the next scheduled potty break.
- DO, confine your dog to a "doggie den" whenever you are physically (or mentally!) absent. Such as when you are at work, paying bills, talking on the phone, sleeping, etc.
- DO feed your dog out of a hollow Kong or other chew toy stuffed with kibble and snacks throughout the day, especially when she in her "doggie den" or when you are busy. Also use part of your dog's daily ration while on walks, during training or when meeting new people.
- DO provide plenty of appropriate chew toys to keep your dog busy and prevent chewing "casualties" in your home and yard. Redirect any chewing "mistakes" by directing your dog to an acceptable alternative. This will also help establish an appropriate chewing habit for the lifetime of your dog.
- DO introduce your dog to new people and other pets gradually so as not to overwhelm him. Use kibble and treats to help form a positive association to new people. Be sure he has access to his "den" in case he needs a break from all the activity.
- DO enroll in a basic obedience class right away! This will help you to understand how to better communicate with your dog in a way she will understand.
- DO look for a Certified Pet Dog Trainer (CPDT) that uses dog-friendly training methods. Contact APDT.com or call 1-800-PET-DOGS to find a trainer in your area.
- DON'T allow your dog free run of the entire house right away, or else your new friend may learn all sorts of bad habits. First take the time to teach him good habits.
- DON'T take your dog off-leash in public until you have successfully completed an obedience class.
- DON'T feed your dog out of a bowl; all food should come either out of a Kong or from somebody's hand.

For more information regarding training your dog please read "After You Get Your Puppy". To place an order visit the James & Kenneth website at [jamesandkenneth.com](http://jamesandkenneth.com).

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