

Ten New Year Resolutions for Your Dog (Part Two)

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e could all benefit from thinking of ways to improve for our upcoming New Year! It's a chance to start fresh, change for the better and convert that optimistic hope into action! How to pick the best resolutions for success? Look to your pet and see what they have to say about how it's done. Here are the last five....

Resolution #6: Improve my diet. I will try to leave the cat's litter box alone. I won't steal food as often--that means I cannot be held responsible if they make it really easy for me. I will not eat my own vomit, socks, underwear, or dirty diapers, then re-vomit or return them to be found in the backyard after processing.

Resolution #7: Make more friends. I could find a soulmate on Petfinder. I will not bite the policeman's hand when mom is handing him her driver's license and registration. I'll have more friends over for play dates. I vow to introduce myself in more appropriate ways to humans where I will start by focusing above the waist.

Resolution #8: Improve and educate myself. Devour more good books. Finish up old projects such as remodeling the doghouse. Reorganize the toy bin. I'll try to bark at the mailman less although my self-esteem does get a boost when they retreat! Practice new tricks and achieve advanced degree in counter surfing. Contact my birth parents.

Resolution #9: Work on being a good neighbor. Settle the score with neighborhood skunks. Find out where the trash man has been taking (stealing) all our trash. I'll try not to kill the grass by peeing on it and not to do my business in neighbor's yards.

Resolution #10: Be more considerate of other's feelings. I will stop trying to find the newest and cleanest carpets in the house when I am about to throw up. I'll try to tolerate those bandannas. My

owner has gone to a lot of trouble to get these things, so I'll just tolerate the way they feel and the taunts of the other dogs.

With all these good intentions, you will have a wonderful year of 2020!

