

Canine Bank Accounts

Do dogs need a bank account? Indeed they do! However, it is not a monetary bank account but something much more subtle.

This concept was introduced by Sarah Fisher, a TTouch instructor in the U.K. and the founder of the ACE method of free work. Basically what it means is that every time that we can give a dog, or any other animal for that matter, a positive and agreeable experience we are making a “deposit” in his bank account, and in this way we are laying the foundations for a relationship of mutual trust which is strengthened with every subsequent “deposit”.

By doing this, when the time comes when that animal has to face any experience which may be upsetting or frightening, such as veterinary visits, surgery etc., he can make a withdrawal from his account in order to be able to face the less positive experience. As a solid foundation of trust has been established over time one would hope that the account will still be in the black. It goes without saying that after any withdrawal, we must start to make more deposits so that the account will have a healthy balance once again.