Teaching Dakota

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Dave had two dogs. One was named Maya. She was a black and white husky dog with blue eyes. Maya was seven years old. She was not old, and she was not young. She was middle-aged, just the age when dogs started to get fat and slow down. Dave loved Maya and didn't want to see that.

Dave decided to get a new dog. This puppy was also a husky, but instead of black and white, he was red and white, and he had yellow-brown eyes like a wolf. Dave named the new puppy "Dakota."
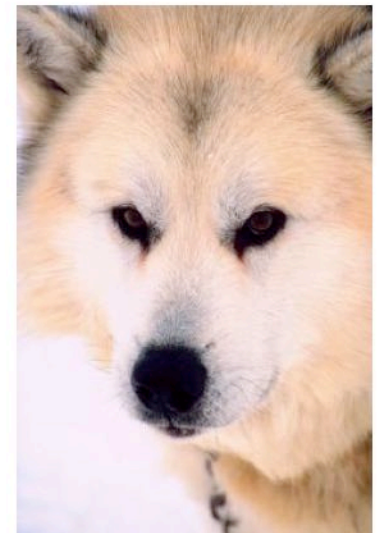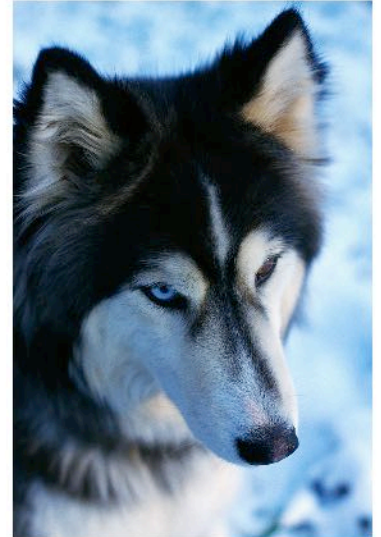
Dakota had a lot of energy, and didn't know the rules. This was normal, because Dakota was a puppy. Dave took Dakota to get his shots. He walked him every few hours to get him housetrained. It was a lot of work.

Maya was jealous at first. She wondered why Dave needed another dog. The new dog was irritating. He stole her bones and didn't know the rules. He was messy! She decided to help teach him.

She showed Dakota when and where to go to the bathroom outside. She showed him not to run away. She even shared a bone or two with him, but would not let him sleep on her bed.

Together, Dave and Maya trained Dakota, and he grew up to be a strong, well-behaved dog. He and Maya became best friends, and with all the running around they did, she stayed healthy and strong a lot longer.

The two dogs made Dave very, very pleased.

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