

# RESIDENT VS. FAMILY DOG

## WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE?



All dog owners are responsible for the dogs in their care. Consider the difference between Resident & Family dogs:

### A RESIDENT DOG

Resident dogs are dogs, whether confined within a dwelling or otherwise, whose owners maintain them in ways that isolate them from regular, positive human interactions. The isolation and lack of exposure to the family unit results in the display of behaviors different from family dogs.

**Left:** Windsor as a resident dog.



### A FAMILY DOG

Family dogs are dogs whose owners keep them in or near the home and also integrate them into the family unit, so that the dogs learn appropriate behavior through interaction with humans on a regular basis in positive and humane ways.

**Left:** Windsor as a family dog.

We will achieve safer, more humane communities when we hold owners of all dogs accountable to high standards of humane care, custody, and control.

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