

Who's in Charge? *(Continued from page 7)***HOW TO KEEP SOPHIE HAPPY!!!!****Preamble:**

Remember Sophie is from a very snooty breed. Bichon Frise's were the dogs of the aristocracy until they fell on hard times and became circus dogs and had to learn how to stand on their back legs and twirl.

Communication:

Sophie rarely barks, but lets her wishes be known through a series of snorts. These snorts are very expressive and you will learn the important ones because they usually occur when you have forgotten to do something, like give her treats at the appropriate times.

Feedings:

Sophie eats IAMS and you can leave it down all day, she only feeds when she can't get treats. At breakfast, lunch and dinner she has to get her "baby cheese" which are Kraft cheese slices, she gets a quarter slice per occasion. At dinner she also gets a dog marrow bone treat. Unless you want immediate company and a series of snorts DON'T say baby cheese or treats unless you prepared to give her some. Don't get clever and try to spell them - she spells!

Walkies:

Sophie doesn't understand roads or cars and why should she, she's a princess and has attendants who take her for walkies. She has to have her chain-chain on - actually its a harness. If you say chain-chain she will amble up, circle you and in her own good time let you put her harness on. You have to say "through the tunnel" so that you can get her head through the harness.

Sleeping:

Sophie is accustomed to sleeping with her attendants and despite her size is quite pushy about getting the space she wants. She is too small to jump on the bed, so she relies on her attendants to say "pick a baby up" and she will stand and wait for help. If you move too much in the night she will get down and sleep on her own pillow provided it is covered with enough clothing from the attendants!

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During the day she has to sleep on her blankie. Her blankie is any afghan she takes a shine to.

Play:

Sophie has a raft of toys. Her favourite is Mr. Frog. She will decide when she feels like playing and she is a very good retriever. She will bring Mr. Frog and you throw it yelling at the same time Mr. Frog and Geronimodon't ask!

We have discussed this list with Sophie and have her approval - good luck!!!!

I should warn you that there is considerable demand from people who would like to look after Sophie. If you would like to be included on the list, please apply in writing with at least two references. If accepted a non-refundable cash deposit will be required to keep your name active.

Don't bother to keep your copy of Valerie's list since an updated version will be presented to you along with the rest of her kit when you welcome her into your home for a stay - however brief.

I told you truth is stranger then Science Fiction.

- John A. Jackson

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the door saying, "Boy did you two tie one on last night! I'm surprised that you're not so hung over that you can't get up. Do all middle-aged Canadians drink like that?"

Chris did not answer the question, but asked what their chances were for breakfast. Chad wondered where the boat show would be.

Mr. Raleigh assured both questioners with his reply.

As they left the building, Chad asked Chris, "Can we tell the guys back home about this?"

Chris did not answer.



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