KYLE'S PRINCIPLES & PHILOSOPHY © KYLE WARREN DOGS

As our teamwork between student and teacher finds its rhythm you will be learning to become an excellent critic of your own work, and therefore your own teacher, enabling you to progress as a pack leader on a daily basis throughout your dog's life.

There are many ways to work with dogs and I certainly have my preferred way in covering the spectrum of teaching the canine and handler life skills, but I have no foolish pride, and at the end of the day it's about having the dog respond with the highest percentages possible while still getting to be a dog when off-duty. I enjoy getting into the head of both my dogs and humans and experimenting with what works best with their individualism when various traditional strategies have us at a loss.

A common-sense, straightforward, and natural way to communicate with the dogs, based on *love*, *respect*, *and trust*, is certainly what has brought me to where I am today with dogs and their owners:

- ~Love between a handler and dog puts their relationship in a *positive* framework.
- \sim Earning **respect** from the dog enables the handler to make the relationship *functional* with the dog. Respect cannot be earned from the dog by striking or bribing it.
- ~With love and respect comes **trust**. Once trust is gained, it becomes <u>the *progressive* component</u> of the relationship. Trust enables the handler and dog to work as a team, and accomplish nearly anything.