

Toddler vs. Puppy

Kevin and I had a puppy once, Cessna. She was definitely a rascal and a handful. I told Kevin that I never wanted a puppy again, they were too much trouble! I did not like potty training or picking up after their little messes. I would prefer a trained dog. Yesterday was one of those days were I spent more time cleaning up after Adah than I did interacting with her. It made me realize that everything I told Kevin about puppies was true for Adah. So here is my list why I believe having a toddler is like owning a puppy.

1. They poop and pee everywhere. Everywhere!
2. They often chew food, spit it out, and eat it again



3. The knock everything over (both on accident and intentionally).
4. They are always under your feet, especially when you need to walk. It is like a game to circle your legs as you walk.



5. They like to howl/cry when the moon is full, or at night, or a loud noise, or just because.

6. They like to lick. Your face, the wall, toys, the floor. It doesn't seem matter, let's lick it!



7. They will pick anything up off the floor and attempt to eat it. Seriously, why?

8. They have no sense of personal space.



9. They don't like it when you close the bathroom door. It's like that think you need to be supervised.

10. They want to eat what is on your plate of food and will ignore their own.



- 11. They do not care about time. 4 AM potty break? Sure! Hopping into mom's bed at 1 AM sounds delightful! Nap time 1 hour and 15 minutes before bedtime sounds like a recipe for "let's stay up all night!"
- 12. They enjoy a sense of destruction.



- 13. They always manage to get dirty, especially right after a bath.



- 14. They either love water or abhor it, and sometimes both.
- 15. They love to beg. They give you one look with sweet puppy dog eyes



What similarities would you add to this delightful list?