Living in a Good Way with Dogs: Our Stories

Balance of Self

Medicine wheels are used to teach young ones and all people how to live in a good way. Each direction on this medicine wheel has a big idea that goes with it: spirit, feelings, physical, and thinking. This medicine wheel can help us remember how people and dogs can live well together.

Lee Maracle, Elder
Stó:lo
“Our relations with dogs are changing, and we need to learn new things in order to live well with them as pets.”

Willy Bruce, Elder
Ojibwe, Mi’gmaq, Scottish
“Dogs are loyal and don’t ask for much except to be well treated. Your dog turns back to you always and anything positive you give to the dog is returned tenfold from that dog.”

Elaine Kicknosway, Elder
Swampy Cree
“We are to be sweet with all of our relations, including dogs.”

Sky Commanda
Ojibwe
“Dogs are kind of like people—if you respect them, they will respect you.”

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