

Observing my French Bulldogs

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Abstract

In this article I will be observing the behaviors of my French Bulldogs, Gigi (the brown one) and Kobe (the gray one). They are the most interesting thing that I could think of to observe, one minute they can be very lazy then the next minute they can be extremely active. I will start my observation at approximately 4 pm and end the observation at 6 pm. I will try to remain inactive while conducting my research because I want to know what they would do if I were to just watch them.

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Field Notes

- 4 pm: Started my observation in my living room, they are currently laying in their beds
- 4:05 pm: Gigi noticed I was watching her so she went up to me and started crying for my attention
- 4:06 pm: Gigi now starts screaming for attention, Kobe starts to notice.
- 4:10 pm: They're both crying for my attention at this point so I decide to pet them
- 4:20 pm: They are attempting to bring me toys so I can throw them but I am ignoring them
- 4:32 pm: They gave up on trying to play with me so they resorted to fighting each other
- 4:40 pm: Kobe is now running around the entire house trying to escape Gigi
- 4:53 pm: They are both worn out and are laying on the floor to cool down
- 5:00 pm: Gigi is drinking a lot of water. It seems like Kobe isn't as tired as her.
- 5:10 pm: Kobe is crying for me to let him up on the couch
- 5:11 pm: I let him on the couch because he's scratching me and his nails are really sharp.
- 5:15 pm: Kobe is asleep, Gigi is still laying on the floor
- 5:31 pm: Gigi is now off the floor and is looking outside the window, I think she's expecting my parents to be home soon.
- 5:40 pm: My parents are home, they are extremely excited they're jumping all over each other and my parents. They're also crying.
- 5:42 pm: Gigi gives my mom a toy so she can throw it
- 6:00 pm: Gigi and Kobe are fighting again

Method of Research

A little background, I have two French Bulldogs Gigi and Kobe. Gigi is a one year old female and the best way I could describe her is crazy, one minute she can be relaxed then the next minute she's running all over the house and jumping on you. Kobe is only 6 months old the best way I could describe him is selfish and relaxed, he doesn't like sharing toys with Gigi whatever she has needs to be his. He is also super calm and shy when it comes to humans though. I decided to observe my French Bulldogs because they are my main source of entertainment, watching them do things always makes me laugh. You never know what can happen when those two are together.

I conducted my experiment in my living room from 4 pm to 6 pm, I tried to not interact with them as much as possible (attempting to be passive/ just observing them) but they are very needy so I had to give them attention at some point during my experiment.

Analysis

When I first started they were laying in bed together, this is usually how they act when nobody is in the living room with them. Then they noticed me 5 minutes later, Gigi begs for attention the most so she went up to me and started crying for me to pet her. I ignored her because I didn't want to interact with them during the experiment but then Gigi started crying louder which eventually turned into what I would call a scream. Kobe took notice instantly so he started crying with her, I eventually had to give in and pet them which is not what I intended to do for my experiment.

Then the dogs attempted to bring me toys so I could play fetch with them, however I decided to stick to my original plan and ignore them. After a while of ignoring them they decided

to fight each other, which is what they do when they are really bored. Since Gigi is much older and bigger than him Kobe was running away from her while she was chasing him in an attempt to get away from her. After a couple of minutes they are completely worn out, which is understandable since French Bulldogs don't get much oxygen flow through their noses they often get really tired very quickly. They plopped on the floor in an attempt to cool down. Gigi then gets up and goes to drink water aggressively, Kobe doesn't seem as tired as she does. That is probably because Kobe's snout is more outward than Gigi's making it much easier for him to breathe. Kobe eventually gets up from the floor and cries to get on the couch because that's where he prefers to sleep. I let him on because he has very sharp nails and he was scratching me.

While Kobe fell asleep on the couch, Gigi was still on the floor attempting to cool down and she was still breathing very heavily. Gigi cooled down and went to look outside our glass door window because she knew my parents were coming home soon. My parents got home and they got extremely excited, they do favor my parents over me. Gigi gives my mom a toy because she loves my mom over everyone else. At the end of my observation Gigi and Kobe were fighting again, this time over a toy that they both wanted.

Reflection

This was very close to what a normal day in the life with my French Bulldogs. They are extremely needy and get extremely hyper, especially at the time I conducted my experiment. I do not think my research had any biases in it based on the fact that I tried to remain passive as much as I could.