Behavior Training

Cavapoos are known for being smart and easy to train (with an owner/handler who is consistent).

BARKING

Cavapoos are not big barkers, but if your puppy begins to bark and you want them to stop, consider using a water filled squirt bottle. A squirt of water in the face is alarming to them and lets them know you don't approve of this behavior.

CHEWING/BITING

If your puppy begins to chew or bite on something they aren't supposed to, take the item away and sternly tell them, "NO" and immediately replace it with something they CAN chew on. If chewing/biting becomes a problem you can use a squirt bottle filled with water/vinegar to spray the items/areas. Dogs dislike the smell/taste of vinegar so this is usually an effective deterrent.

RESOURCE GUARDING

When a dog becomes defensive over a valuable item or resource like food, toys, or treats, it is referred to as “resource guarding.” This is a NATURAL behavior in dogs that is vital to their survival in the wild. Obviously, your dog isn’t a feral dog so this behavior may be upsetting. If you notice your dog displaying aggressive behavior over an item, here are some things you can do:

-Offer a trade: Give your dog another high value item to get them to leave the item you are wanting to retrieve. You may have to toss the new object away from the item you are trying to retrieve.

-Teach your dog to “give” or “leave it” by rewarding them when they give something up.

-**DO NOT PUNISH YOU DOG FOR THIS!** It will only make the behavior more severe.