

DOWNSIDE OF WELL TRAINED SERVICE DOGS

I do NOT recommend trying to sleep on the floor with not 1 - but 2 - dogs trained to pick you back up when you fall. <tired smile>

We shampooed the carpets yesterday, leaving the only dry spot in the house in the living room, and everything was already packed except the last few boxes that will go in the truck. No problem, I'll just spread out some blankets and pillows on the floor and make myself comfortable.

Bear and Suzie worked ALL night! At first, inspecting and staring at me inches from my face, then trading off unwrapping the blankets and trying to get me back to my feet. I finally built a barricade around myself with the few remaining boxes. They then went off together for a 'conference' and returned with a plan for working in tandem about the time I was finally dosing off again.

After working together, sliding the boxes away, Suzie burrowed under me, lifting me high enough for Bear to get me entirely on his back, and he carried me draped over his back like a dead cowboy to my chair. Then she balanced her front feet on his hindquarters, and she flopped me off his back into the seat.

Next, I locked myself in the bathroom and made a bed in the tub. I suspect one of them (Suzie) managed to get the door open, and they proceeded to do the 'help mom out of the tub' routine.

I was just too tired to figure out how to deal with them without sending a negative message on tasks I needed them to perform and decided it was better to do nothing than risk messing with their performance -- let alone their innovative approach to a new situation. So ... I slept in the chair the rest of the night.

Gotta love 'em! :o) What dedication, and I'm still impressed with their intelligence in working out a solution together, even though some sleep would have been nice. I sure wish I could have been a mouse in the corner to observe their body language in that planning process!