

## I Want to Eat at the Table

a letter exchange by Ericka, fifth grade writer



Dear Clara,

I wanna eat at the table! I've been good all year, and the last thing I asked you for was a bone. It was not the best one I ever tried. Eating off the floor is like eating cat poop, and that is not a very zesty taste, you know.

Sincerely,  
Alex, your # 1 dog

Dear Alex,

You are too messy to sit at the table and plus you can't even keep your food in your bowl.

Sincerely,  
Clara

Dear Clara,

I am quite messy, but I'll be cleaner. I will prove it to you if you let me eat at the table on a trial basis for two weeks. Just put me at the table! Please, it will be like I'm not even there.

Sincerely,  
Alex, the mature one around here

Dear Alex,

How will I know you will keep your promise? You can't even use your paws to eat, and then you will break your promise and be a slob.

Sincerely,  
Clara

Dear Clara,

I will go to obedience school and learn how to use my paws. Clara, I will also pick my toys up. Just let me sit at the table.

Sincerely,  
Alex, the lonesome one

Dear Alex,

Training sounds great...if you're paying! You did keep your promise about picking up your toys. So I guess we can try it for two weeks. I will just pay for the training. It better be worth it!

Sincerely,  
Clara, the best person you will ever know