Aggression Referrals

Are you having aggression issues with your puppy or dog? Or are you beginning to see signs that have you concerned? If the answer is "yes" please take it seriously and get the help sooner than later of a Professional Dog Trainer, Behaviorist, or Specialist who specializes in dog aggression issues and uses positive methods.

Examples of aggression issues: Leash Aggression, Barrier Frustration, Fear Aggression, People Aggression, Dog Aggression, Handling Issues, Resource Guarding (Items such as toys, food, you), Territory Aggression, Biting History (with people, dogs, or other animals), Sibling Rivalry.

Red Flags you may need help: You no longer can walk your dog, as it is no longer fun and it is embarrassing. You cannot take your dog out in public due to fear it may bite. You no longer can have company over, because your dog becomes to upset and/or you are afraid your company will get bitten. You are or are becoming afraid of your dog because they have been bitten or threaten to bite you or someone you care about. Your Vet and their Staff are afraid of your dog and you must muzzle it prior to an appointment. You can no longer pick up or handle your dog without getting bitten.

Take the time and money sooner than later to focus on your dog's issues before they have time to get worse. If you start to see issues that are concerning you, take the time to call and consult a Professional Dog Trainer, Behaviorist, or Specialist 'who specialize' in aggression issues <u>and</u> who use positive methods.

Be wary of accepting and implementing ideas and suggestions of well meaning friends, family members, and associates who are "not" Dog Behavior Professionals! They may mean well, but may unknowingly give you advice that can backfire and place you and your dog in a dangerous situation <u>or</u> set you up accidentally to fail with scary consequences.

Avoid treating aggression with aggression as it can dramatically cause aggression not only to escalate rapidly, but can severely damage your relationship with your puppy or dog as well!

Call and speak with a Professional and go over your concerns, as soon as possible. Make an appointment with one "you have thoroughly researched" and feel comfortable/ confident working with you and your dog. Do not be afraid to ask for and pay for a second opinion/evaluation with a second Professional. Like doctors and veterinarians, sometimes you may feel more confident with another evaluation versus accepting only one.

Contact us for a list of Positive Trainers and Behaviorists who specialize in aggression: <u>The Right Steps</u> ~ <u>916-966-6883</u> ~ <u>www.therightsteps.com</u>

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