



Command News

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Skippy Labs! But how? Read about this in next month's news.

CANINE AGGRESSION

Dog aggression is any behaviour meant to intimidate or harm a person or another animal. Growling, baring teeth, snarling, snapping and biting are all aggressive behaviours. Although aggressive behaviours are normal for dogs, they're generally unacceptable to humans. From a dog's perspective, there's always a reason for aggressive behaviour. Because humans and dogs have different communication systems, misunderstandings can occur between the two species. A person may intend to be friendly, but a dog may perceive that person's behaviour as threatening or intimidating. Dogs aren't schizophrenic, psychotic, crazy, or necessarily "vicious," when displaying aggressive behaviour.



A **dominant-aggressive** dog is an overbearing bully. Such dogs are overconfident and tend to behave like tyrants. Their goal is to be the top dog in all situations, especially within their own families. Dominant aggression is many times seen when a dog perceives that his place in the pack hierarchy is being threatened. This can refer to his place in the "family" or in just the "dog pack" if there are two or more dogs in the household. >>

No Training
There will be no training (one week only) due to September School Holidays at all venues
From Monday 21/9 to Saturday 26/9
Our office is still open as usual



Students training at DogZone
L to R: Jodie, Yvette, Karen, Janette, David, Martine, Daniel

These student trainers will be completing their C.I.C (Certified Instructors Course) with Dog Trainers Australia (D.T.A.) by end of this year.

This 5 month part-time program includes 80 hours of practical training. Students are assessed on their competency in a number of key areas including, training untrained dogs using a variety of methods and planning and delivering training sessions.

If you are interested in becoming a qualified Dog Trainer/ Instructor please contact.

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Just For Dogs

DogZone day care for dogs is where you can book your dog on a casual basis or take out a 10 or 20 days pass which can be used over a four month period respectively. DogZone also offers a V.I.P monthly pass for those dogs who need to come daily.

DogZone is based in Richmond at 53-55 North St Richmond and is owned and managed by professional dog trainer Sally Chan

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>> Canine aggression cont.

It usually occurs when there is a change in the living environment of the dog in question, such as getting a new puppy, moving, someone moving out of or into the house, or a change in working schedules, and/or where the dog spends his time. Establishing yourself as pack-leader through obedience training and not treating your dog in an anthropomorphic manner will help overcome such problems.

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Readers Page



Shirley

Shirley had a rather nasty and aggressive 24 hour tummy bug this week! And I thought my story worth sharing. Please note that Shirley (Staffie/Lab from Wednesday nights Intermediate 1) was particularly sick on Tuesday for about 24 hours. So much so that she had to spend the night at the vet on a drip.

On Tuesday morning the weather was going to be so horrible that I took Shirley and her brother Luchie for a fun day at Dogzone they both entered the gate and started to socialize I went to work.

At about lunchtime, I had my first call from the lovely Dogzone people that advised me that Shirley had vomited a couple of times. She seemed okay but it was worth noting, they rang twice more during the afternoon but on the third call, when they rang again to advise that her usual bouncy personality has faded significantly, I left work and collected her and she was taken straight to my vet. When we got to the vet she managed a not so enthusiastic wag of her tail when the vet started to examine her. According to the vet her heart rate was fine, breathing was fine and no temperature but it was obvious that she wasn't feeling too flash. The vet gave her two jabs and advised me not to feed her anything, keep her warm and check her in the morning. So, following doctors orders, I took her home. She went outside for a toilet break, and a drink of water then came back into the laundry and snuggled back into her bed. Within 30 mins I heard her getting sick and went to see what was going on. The poor girl had vomited up the water she had drank and was shaking. It was 7.45 and fortunately the vet had stayed open until 8 pm. I gave him a call and he said to bring her back in as a drip was probably the best thing for her at the moment. Seeing she was sick during the day by this stage she was getting dehydrated.

The following morning I called the vet at approx 7.45 to my delight, Shirley was bright, wagging her tail and barking at the nurse (probably wanting to know "Who are you?")

She was not 100% but at least she had a bit more energy than the previous night. The vet recommended that she stay there for the day and I made a couple of calls to them to check her progress. She did not vomit on day 2 but whatever the bug was, seemed to have moved through her body and was coming out the other end (diarrhoea) fortunately this did not last too long and her happy demeanour started to return.

Now, to her disgust she is on small servings of bland (cooked) chicken and rice for another 24 hours but she is back to the cheeky girl we know and love.

P.S. Shirley and Luchie go everywhere together but so far have never caught a bug from each other.

What a relief.

Brigid DeNeefe

Liver Treats

Slice lambs fry into half inch slices and place on a lightly greased tray slightly apart

Cook in a moderate oven 180 for 25-30 mins

Remove from oven and leave to cool on the baking tray

When cool cut into training size pieces

Place small amounts in plastic bags

These can be frozen

Just take a bag out the night before training

1 lambs fry will give me a months training treats.

Total cost \$1.50

This has been a special request from all of you



A healthy pet for life
NATURE'S GIFT

Some dogs have red meat allergies.

For this reason Nature's Gift refrains from putting red meat in both chicken varieties of canned foods (Rice, Chicken & Vegetables and also Chicken, Oats & Vegetables)

Unlike other canned pet foods that do have red meat as a basis for their recipes.

Best Friend Retreat has a few vacancies left for the Christmas break so book now.

Ralph and Coralie put on the traditional Christmas Dinner (FREE) plus a mountain of prawns New Years Eve

This is also our choice to spend Christmas National Winner

Life Be In It

Five Paws Award for the last 6 years

Plus

2008 Winner

Take A Break

Currently in 4th position for R.A.C.V. Best Place to Stay in Victoria

Web site: www.bestfriends.net.au



Reminder

Don't forget Fathers Day on September 6th. Command Dog Training would like to take this opportunity to wish all dad's

a Happy Fathers Day



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