

THE INNER DOG



POSITIVE SOLUTIONS FOR NEGATIVE BEHAVIORS

Teaching Our Dogs

- It's ALL about your dog
- ALWAYS be your dog's advocate: it's your moral obligation and responsibility
- There MUST be TRUST and RESPECT between you and your dog
- Check your ego at the door
- A mature dog's cognitive ability is that of a 30-month-old child
- "What's the truth as your dog sees it?"
- Learn how your dog sees the world
- You MUST learn how to communicate effectively communicate with your dog.
- They don't learn our language, you MUST learn theirs.
- A dog's value system is very different than ours. Once you understand that, it becomes easier to teach your dog
- Find what motivates your dog
- In order to TEACH and CHANGE, everyone MUST be on the same page
- Everyone MUST understand the challenges and how we're going to change them
- Our methods are STRICTLY Force Free, Fear Free, Pain Free, Science Based
- Keep It Simple
- It doesn't matter what the house rules are as long as they're consistent
- SLOW down, CALM down
- There are times we must sacrifice OUR routines and behaviors in order to overcome the challenges
- Most of the time, LESS is MORE
- More DO, less talk
- Excuses and myths get in the way of solving problems
- Bad behaviors are like bad habits: they're self-reinforcing and difficult to change
- Build TRUST, TEACH Skills, CHANGE Behavior, ENJOY the Partnership