








HOW AGGRESSION STARTS

-  Puppy is allowed to play bite on hands or feet
-  Puppy has run of the house without restrictions
-  Puppy steals things and runs under bed
-  Puppy barks back when told to do anything
-  Young dog starts to growl when you move him off the furniture, walk by his food or touch his toys
-  Dog begins to show aggression toward visitors
-  Dog begins to bite you.

CURING AGGRESSION

Canine aggression is a serious matter, causing great harm and even death to humans, other animals and ultimately to the aggressive dog himself, as biters are usually euthanized.

Puppies can be taught not to become aggressive very easily. However, once a dog has matured, he cannot be rehabilitated without firm measures. Methods that claim to be modern and gentle (shaking a can of pennies, rolling him on his back, or redirecting his attention) simply do not work.

At Scotch Pines we use a firm, yet humane and safe, correction that has cured many, many pets of aggression within a few days, sometimes even sooner. In a controlled environment, we set the dog up by introducing the stimulus that usually prompts his aggressive behavior, (other dogs, strangers, cats, children, food, or his owner giving him a command). We correct immediately in a way that communicates to the dog exactly what behavior is “wrong.” We introduce the stimulus again, and if he shows continued aggression we correct again. If instead he assumes a peaceful body posture, we pet and praise him mightily. This process is repeated in different settings, with his owner correcting and praising the dog until non-aggression becomes the new way of life. . .new habits and positive responses.

CASES FROM OUR FILES

“I was going to put my Rottweiler to sleep for aggression toward me and my family until I signed up for the class. Now my friends can’t believe it’s the same dog. This training saved his life.”

-Rod Westfall

“It only took three days to rehabilitate my fighting boxer, and I am totally amazed. He’s a new dog, well-behaved around all other dogs and people.”

-Sherri Bond