



President's Corner:



This is the last newsletter of the year and it has been a busy one for rescue. Finding good homes for the dogs that we rescue is an ever occurring job. We are always in need of foster homes. If you have a neighbor or friend that could provide a temporary home for one of our rescue dogs, please let Louise know. It's best if they have no other pets, and have the ability to let the dogs out during the day.

The money jar we donated to the auction at Nationals raised \$270 for the Chinese Shar-Pei Charitable Trust. It will be used for research to find answers to health problems in our breed. Thank you to everyone that contributed to the fund! It will be put to good use for all of our dogs.

I have to say that it is very nice that we have made enough money that we don't have to have any fun-raisers for awhile. It is a testament of what good club members we have that we have accomplished this.

Our new display case for breed booths is just wonderful. Thanks to Kay Rosenberger for putting all that together for us, and to Jeanne Hill-Jurik for organizing all the information. And thanks to Kristin Marin for making the tablecloth for us. It's great!

Alice Fix


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Chinese Shar-Pei Charitable Trust

The Chinese Shar-Pei Charitable Trust was founded and established to seek funding to address all the genetic health issues of the Chinese Shar-Pei.

Donations are always welcome to help promote better health in our breed:

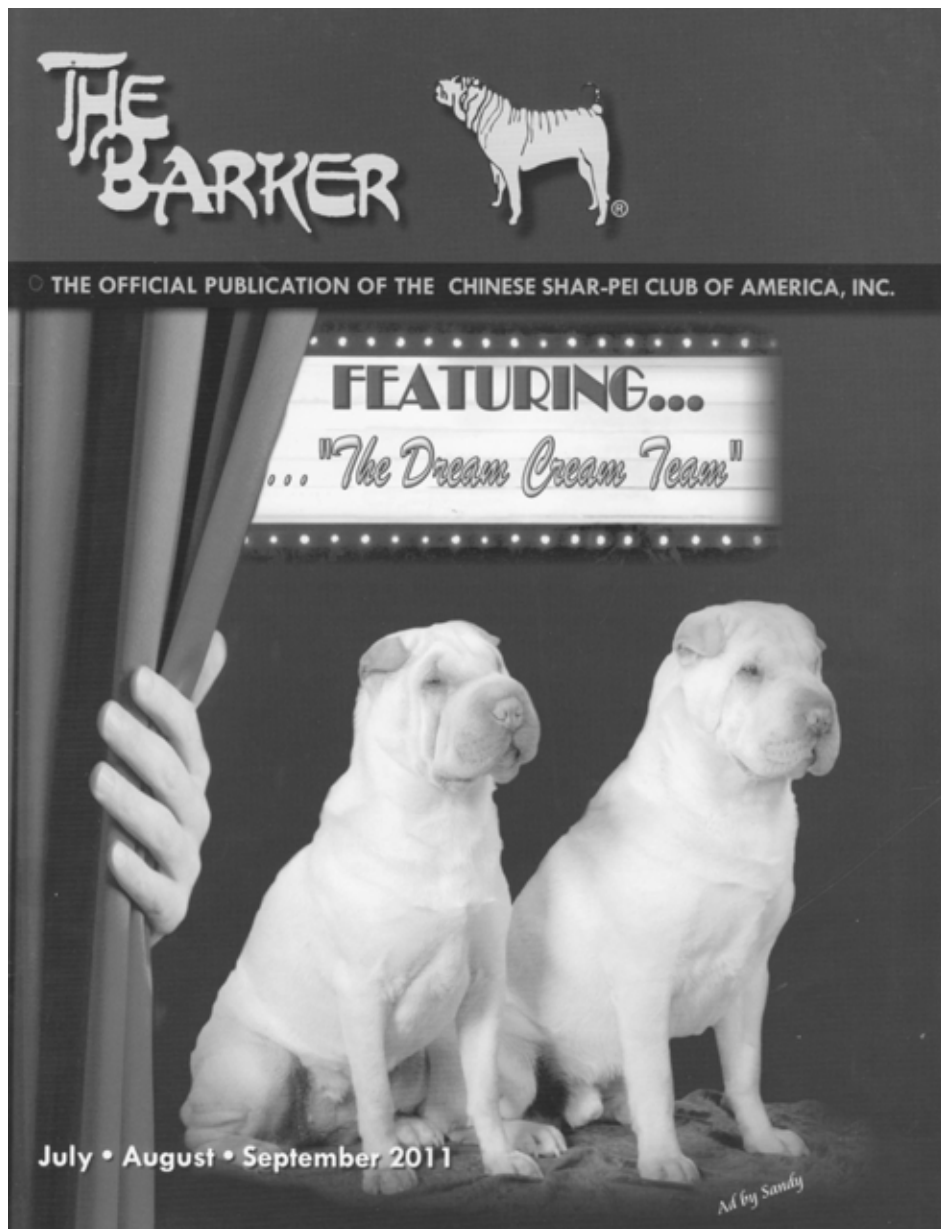
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Jeanne Hill-Jurik had the cover of the CSPCA magazine, The Barker, on the 3rd Quarter Issue. This is a copy of the photo Jeanne used in case any of you hadn't seen it. The dogs are Ch. R-Lee Egyptain Ice Princess, "Cleo" and her brother Ch. R-Lee Ice Commander "Titus".



It Just Dawned on Me.....



My dog sleeps about 20 hours a day.

He has his food prepared for him.

He can eat whenever he wants.

His meals are provided at no cost to him.

He visits the Dr. once a year for his checkup, and again during the year if any medical needs arise.

For this he pays nothing and nothing is required of him.

He lives in a nice neighborhood in a house that is much larger than he needs, but he is not required to do any upkeep.

If he makes a mess, someone else cleans it up.

He has his choice of luxurious places to sleep.

He receives these accommodations absolutely free.

He is living like a King, and has absolutely no expenses whatsoever.

All of his costs are picked up by others who go out and earn a living every day.

I was just thinking about all this, and suddenly it hit me like a brick

I think my dog is a member of Congress!

Airlines Ban Bulldogs, Snub-Nosed Breeds From Flying Because Of Health Risks To Dogs



New summer embargo - breed restriction For the safety of your animal, United Airlines does not accept the following short-nosed dog breeds as either checked baggage or cargo from June 1 - September 30. This restriction does not apply to animals traveling with you in the cabin.

- American Bulldog
- Boston Terrier
- Boxer
- English or French Bulldog
- King Charles Spaniel
- Lhasa Apso
- Pug
- Shar-Pei
- Shih Tzu

If Fido is of a snub-nosed breed, he might not be allowed to fly commercial.

Airlines have banned bulldogs, pugs and other brachycephalic breeds from their planes due to health risks to the dogs, according to *The New York Times*.

The pooches have trouble breathing due to their short noses, and their respiratory conditions worsen when flying at high altitudes in cargo holds where temperatures can be very hot or too cold, *Time* points out.

The Agriculture Department reports 18 animal deaths on commercial flights between June 2005 and June 2011. The New York times reports.

"Of those animals, 98 — more than half — were brachycephalic breeds."

The harsh reality has caused Delta to ban the breed from flying in cargo holds. Other airlines, such as American, Continental and United have enacted restrictions on when the dogs can travel.

On its website, United lists which dogs aren't allowed to travel in the cargo area during warm months: American Airlines states it will not transport pets when temperatures are above 85 degrees or below 45 degrees. The airline also specifically lists which breeds will not be accepted as "checked luggage." Other airlines, such as Canadian airlines, don't list breed restrictions on their site, *The Globe and Mail* points out.

The ban isn't only applied to dogs; some cat breeds, including Himalayan and Persian, have also been placed on the no-fly list.

In 2010, at least two dogs and a cat were found frozen after traveling long distances in plane cargo holds. The Department of Transportation states 33 animal deaths were reported by airlines between November 2009 and October 2010.

Japan Airlines banned bulldogs from flying in 2007, stating it has dealt with a concerning number of deaths among the breed because of their breathing difficulty, MSNBC reports.

Passengers who are looking to fly their beloved pooches to a location have one of two options: Bring them along as carry on (if the dog is less than 20 pounds), or buy them a ticket on a private jet.

The ban has inspired companies, such as Pet Airways, to charter bulldogs and other animals to several locations, *The New York Times* reports. Short-nosed breeds make up about a quarter of the airline's "passengers," who are monitored by pet attendants.

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/10/10/bulldogs-banned-airlines-health-risks_n_1003495.html

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO
 ALL OUR MEMBERS!**

Styrofoam- Really Is Bad For Your Health



My niece is a college student, and forget about the healthy snacks that my sister once plied her with -- frozen blueberries, raw carrots and peppers, Greek yogurt. Now she and her roommates subsist on salty soups in Styrofoam containers that they heat in the communal microwave. This, too, will pass, I know, but a recent US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) report provides greater cause for concern. In June, the National

Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), part of HHS, added *styrene* -- the chemical used in the manufacture of Styrofoam cups and food containers -- to its list of substances that are "reasonably anticipated" to cause cancer. Styrene has also been linked to nerve damage and hormonal disruption.

THE CHEMICALS LEACH INTO YOUR FOOD

Styrofoam is made from the plastic *polystyrene*, which is based on building blocks called *styrene monomers*. When you drink your steaming cup of coffee or spoon your chicken noodle soup or chili out of a Styrofoam cup, you also take in small doses of chemicals that leach from it. "Trace amounts of styrene as well as various chemical additives in polystyrene migrate into food -- particularly when liquids are hot," explains Olga Naidenko, PhD, a senior scientist at the Environmental Working Group (www.ewg.org). "This is a problem, because polystyrene is very commonly used as disposable packaging for hot food and beverages" -- and has been for many years!

The HHS says that the levels released from food containers are very low -- but for me, that's not very comforting when I think about the literally thousands of doses that we each have taken in over the years. Then, too, every day we are bombarded with a multitude of toxins in the environment. It all adds up... so now, are you willing to accept toxic industrial chemicals in your soup?

DON'T SWALLOW IT

Reducing exposure to cancer-causing agents is something we all want, but it takes knowledge and action on each person's part to achieve that...

- **Boycott Styrofoam.** Do not eat or drink out of Styrofoam containers (even if you're a college student). I know it sounds obvious, but in today's food culture, that's easier said than done. It's especially important not to consume anything hot, oily, acidic (including tomato sauce-based foods) or alcoholic from Styrofoam, since heat, oil, acid and alcohol increase leaching. This rules out, for example, hot drinks, citrus beverages, dressed salads, take-out burgers and, of course, beer and wine. Don't store food in Styrofoam -- there are plenty of other packaging options. Be especially cognizant when you're eating out at a restaurant and find yourself asking the waiter if he/she will pack up what you didn't finish so that you can take it home. Ask if they have alternatives to Styrofoam, or even bring your own container from home.
- **Choose healthier food and beverage containers.** Eat and drink out of toxin-free glass, ceramic, stoneware or BPA-free plastic -- not Styrofoam. (Read about health concerns with the chemical BPA in standard plastic containers in the July 4, 2011 issue of *Daily Health News*.)
- **Beat the heat.** Whatever else you do, don't microwave food in Styrofoam. Reheat leftovers in glass, ceramic or stoneware.
- **BYOC.** Bring your own cup to coffee shops and diners that use Styrofoam for beverages. Some ecofriendly businesses in my neighborhood even give you 25 cents off to encourage you to do the right thing for the environment -- which happens to be the right thing for your body as well.
- **Vote with your feet.** Patronize food establishments that provide recyclable cardboard take-out containers, not Styrofoam.

Source(s): Olga Naidenko, PhD, senior scientist, Environmental Working Group, Washington, DC. EWG is a nonprofit, research-based organization dedicated to protecting public health and the environment. www.EWG.org

From Bottom Line's Daily Health News- August 29, 2011

Dr. Jeff Vidt's Corner: TOP TEN WARNING SIGNS OF CANCER IN PET ANIMALS

1. Abnormal swelling that persists or continue to grow
 - Pet your pet! This is the best way to find lumps, bumps or swellings that could be anywhere on the body.
2. Sores that do not heal.
 - Non-healing sores can be a sign of infection or cancer. Your veterinarian can determine the reason why the sore is not healing.
3. Weight lost
 - If your pet is not on a diet but is losing weight, illness could be to blame.
4. Loss of appetite
 - It is not normal for pets to lose their appetite. This may be a sign of illness.
5. Bleeding or discharge from any body opening
 - Bleeds can occur for numerous reasons- most of which are abnormal. Vomiting and diarrhea are abnormal discharges as well.
6. Offensive odor
 - This is a common sign especially for tumors in the mouth, nose or anus.
7. Difficulty eating or swallowing
 - This is a common sign of cancers of the mouth and neck region.
8. Hesitation to exercise or loss of stamina
 - This can be one of the first signs that your pet is not feeling well.
9. Persistent lameness
 - There could be many causes of lameness including nerve, muscle or bone cancer.
10. Difficulty breathing, urinating or defecating
 - If you pet experiences any of these symptoms please have them evaluated by a veterinarian.

New Products for Dogs

Collapsible Dog Travel Crate from Orvis \$269 for Medium



Leave this crate folded in your vehicle's cargo area—it's sturdy enough to pile groceries and sports equipment on top. When you need it, just unfold it. It features a hinged door on each end, a flip-up top door, and a large swing-up garage-type side door that slides back under the top. The heavy-gauge plastic top holds up to 100 lbs.; plastic sides and bottom feature rounded corners to protect vehicle and home interiors. Curved solid steel grid doors. Built-in wheels and handle. Fits in most station wagons, SUVs, and minivans. Includes fleece/nylon crate pad and carrying bag. In sage. Imported.

http://www.orvis.com/store/product.aspx?pf_id=0X69&dir_id=1633&group_id=12985&cat_id=12986&subcat_id=15471





This is our new breed booth display case at Woodland Park, CO. This event was CritterFest. We would like to thank the entire Hill-Jurik family for their participation in this book



Critterfest Breed Booth- August, 2011

This view shows the tablecloth that Kristin Marin made for our booth.

Latest Chinese Craze

This is the problem when you have so much money that you do not know what to do with it.....

A new trend has EXPLODED in China 's upper class where people are transforming their pets into miniature versions of animals, fairy's or just dyeing them crazy colors but Pandas seem to be a big hit and obviously their favourite. It's become a huge industry and people are spending THOUSANDS of dollars in professional hair dye, salon cuts, clothing, accessories, you name it!

All I can say is, "Poor dogs!"

Panda Puppies!

They dye their Dogs all kinds of colors and have them match different kind of animals.

That's a dyed Chow to the right.



On the left is a dyed Poodle and also a Bishon Frise dyed to look like a panda.



Golden Retriever dyed look like tiger- on left.

Bedlington Terrier dyed to look like a Camel- on right.



Poodle shaved to look like a horse-on left.

<http://globalpublicsquare.blogs.cnn.com/2011/06/22/chinas-latest-craze-dyeing-pets-to-look-like-other-wild-animals/>

WHO'S IN CHARGE HERE?

A lesson in becoming Alpha

- "My dog just tried to bite me! All I did was tell him to move over so I could sit on the couch next to him."
- "My dog got into the trash can and when I scolded her, she growled at me. What's wrong with her? I thought she loved me!"
- "Our dog is very affectionate most of the time but when we try to make him do something he doesn't want to do, he snaps at us."

What do these three dogs have in common? Are they nasty or downright vicious? No - they're "alpha". They've taken over the leadership of the families that love them. Instead of taking orders from their people, these dogs are giving orders! Your dog can love you very much and still try to dominate you or other members of your family.

Dogs are social creatures and believers in social order. A dog's social system is a "pack" with a well-defined pecking order. The leader of the pack is the alpha, supreme boss, Top Dog. He (or she) gets the best of everything - the best food, the best place to sleep, the best toy, etc. The leader also gets to be first in everything - he gets to eat first, to leave first and to get attention first. All the other dogs in the pack respect the alpha dog's wishes. Any dog that challenges the alpha's authority gets a swift physical reminder of just where his place in the pack really is.

Your family is your dog's "pack". Many dogs fit easily into the lower levels of their human pack's pecking order and don't make waves. They do what they're told and don't challenge authority. Other dogs don't fit in quite as well. Some of them are natural born leaders and are always challenging their human alpha's. Other dogs are social climbers - they're always looking for ways to get a little closer to the top of the family ladder. These natural leaders and the social climbers can become problems to an unsuspecting family that's not aware of the dog's natural pack instincts.

Some families encourage their dogs to take over the "pack" without realizing it. They treat their dogs as equals, not as subordinates. They give them special privileges like being allowed to sleep on the bed or couch. They don't train their dogs and let them get away with disobeying commands. In a real dog pack, no one but the alpha dog would get this kind of treatment. Alpha doesn't have anything to do with size. The

tinest Chihuahua can be a canine Hitler. In fact, the smaller the dog, the more people tend to baby them and cater to them - making the dog feel even more dominant and in control of his humans.

Alpha dogs often seem to make good pets. They're confident, smarter than average, and affectionate. They can be wonderful with children and good with strangers. Everything seems to be great with the relationship - until someone crosses him or makes him do something he doesn't want to do. Then, suddenly, this wonderful dog growls or tries to bite someone and no one understands why.

In a real dog pack, the alpha dog doesn't have to answer to anyone. No one gives him orders or tells him what to do. The other dogs in the pack respect his position. If another dog is foolish enough to challenge the alpha by trying to take his bone or his favorite sleeping place, the alpha dog will quickly put him in his place with a hard stare or a growl. If this doesn't work, the alpha dog will enforce his leadership with his teeth. This is all natural, instinctive behavior - in a dog's world. In a human family, though, this behavior is unacceptable and dangerous.

Dogs need and want leaders. They have an instinctive need to fit into a pack. They want the security of knowing their place and what's expected of them. Most of them don't want to be alpha - they want someone else to give the orders and make the decisions. If his humans don't provide that leadership, the dog will take over the role himself. If you've allowed your dog to become alpha, you're at his mercy and as a leader, he may be either a benevolent king or a tyrant!

If you think your dog is alpha in your household, he probably is. If your dog respects only one or two members of the family but dominates the others, you still have a problem. The dog's place should be at the -bottom- of your human family's pack order, not at the top or somewhere in between.

In order to reclaim your family's rightful place as leaders of the pack, your dog needs some lessons in how to be a subordinate, not an equal. You're going to show him what it means to be a dog again. Your dog's mother showed him very early in life that -she- was alpha and that he had to respect her. As a puppy, he was given a secure place in his litter's pack and because of that security, he was free to concentrate on growing, learning, playing, loving and just being a dog. Your dog doesn't really

want the responsibility of being alpha, having to make the decisions and defend his position at the top. He wants a leader to follow and worship so he can have the freedom of just being a dog again.

How to become leader of your pack? Your dog watches you constantly and reads your body language. He knows if you're insecure, uncomfortable in a leadership role or won't enforce a command. This behavior confuses him, makes -him- insecure and if he's a natural leader or has a social-climbing personality, it'll encourage him to assume the alpha position and tell -you- what to do.

"Alpha" is an attitude. It involves quiet confidence, dignity, intelligence, an air of authority. A dog can sense this attitude almost immediately - it's how his mother acted towards him. Watch a professional trainer or a good obedience instructor. They stand tall and use their voices and eyes to project the idea that they're capable of getting what they want. They're gentle but firm, loving but tough, all at the same time. Most dogs are immediately submissive towards this type of personality because they recognize and respect alpha when they see it.

Practice being alpha. Stand up straight with your shoulders back. Walk tall. Practice using a new tone of voice, one that's deep and firm. Don't ask your dog to do something - tell him. There's a difference. He knows the difference, too! Remember that, as alpha, you're entitled to make the rules and give the orders. Your dog understands that instinctively.

With most dogs, just this change in your attitude and an obedience training course will be enough to turn things around. With a dog that's already taken over the household and has enforced his position by growling or biting and has been allowed to get away with it, you'll need to do more than just decide to be alpha. The dog is going to need an attitude adjustment as well.

Natural leaders and social climbers aren't going to want to give up their alpha position. Your sudden change in behavior is going to shock and threaten them. Your dog might act even more aggressively than before. An alpha dog will instinctively respond to challenges to his authority. It's his nature to want to put down revolutionary uprisings by the peasants! Don't worry, there's a way around it.

An alpha dog already knows that he can beat you in a physical fight so returning his aggression with violence of your own won't work. Until

you've successfully established your position as alpha, corrections like hitting, shaking, or using the "rollover" techniques described in some books will not work and can be downright dangerous to you. An alpha dog will respond to these methods with violence and you could be seriously hurt.

What you need to do is use your **brain!** You're smarter than he is and you can out think him. You'll also need to be stubbornner than he is. What I'm about to describe here is an effective, non-violent method of removing your dog from alpha status and putting him back at the bottom of the family totem pole where he belongs and where he needs to be. In order for this method to work, your whole family has to be involved. It requires an attitude adjustment from everyone and a new way of working with your dog.

This is serious business. A dog that bites or threatens people is a dangerous dog, no matter how much you love him. If treating your dog like a dog and not an equal seems harsh to you, keep in mind that our society no longer tolerates dangerous dogs. Lawsuits from dog bites are now settling for millions of dollars - you could lose your home and everything else you own if your dog injures someone. You or your children could be permanently disfigured. And your dog could lose his life. That's the bottom line.

Canine Boot Camp for Alpha Attitude Adjustment

From this day forward, you're going to teach your dog that he is a dog, not a miniature human being in a furry suit. His mother taught him how to be a dog once and how to take orders. Along the way, through lack of training or misunderstood intentions, he's forgotten. With your help, he's going to remember what he is and how he fits into the world. Before long, he's even going to like it!

Dogs were bred to look to humans for food, companionship and guidance. An alpha dog doesn't ask for what he wants, he demands it. He lets you know in no uncertain terms that he wants his dinner, that he wants to go out, that he wants to play and be petted and that he wants these things right now. You're going to teach him that from now on, he has to earn what he gets. No more free rides. This is going to be a shock to his system at first but you'll be surprised how quickly he'll catch on and that he'll actually become eager to please you.

If your dog doesn't already know the simple command SIT, teach it to

him. Reward him with praise and a tidbit. Don't go overboard with the praise. A simple "Good boy!" in a happy voice is enough. Now, every time your dog wants something - his dinner, a trip outside, a walk, some attention, anything - tell him (remember don't ask him, tell him) to SIT first. When he does, praise him with a "Good Boy!", then tell him OKAY and give him whatever it is he wants as a reward. If he refuses to SIT, walk away and ignore him. No SIT, no reward. If you don't think he understands the command, work on his training some more. If he just doesn't want to obey, ignore him - don't give him what he wants or reward him in any fashion.

Make him sit before giving him his dinner, make him sit at the door before going outside, make him sit in front of you to be petted, make him sit before giving him his toy. If you normally leave food out for him all the time, stop. Go to a twice daily feeding and you decide what time of day he'll be fed. Make him sit for his dinner. If he won't obey the command - no dinner. Walk away and ignore him. Bring the food out later and tell him again to SIT. If he understands the command, don't tell him more than once. He heard you the first time. Give commands from a standing position and use a deep, firm tone of voice.

If the dog respects certain members of the family but not others, let the others be the ones to feed him and bring the good things to his life for now. Show them how to make him obey the SIT command and how to walk away and ignore him if he won't do as he's told. It's important that your whole family follows this program. Dogs are like kids - if they can't have their way with Mom, they'll go ask Dad. In your dog's case, if he finds a member of the family that he can dominate, he'll continue to do so. You want your dog to learn that he has to respect and obey everyone. Remember - his place is at the bottom of the totem pole. Bouncing him from the top spot helps but if he thinks he's anywhere in the middle, you're still going to have problems.

Think - you know your dog and know what he's likely to do under most circumstances. Stay a step ahead of him and anticipate his behavior so you can avoid or correct it. If he gets into the trash and growls when scolded, make the trash can inaccessible. If he likes to bolt out the door ahead of you, put a leash on him. Make him sit and wait while you open the door and give him permission - OKAY! - to go out. If your alpha dog doesn't like to come when he's called (and he probably doesn't!), don't let

him outside off leash. Without a leash, you have no control over him and he knows it.

Petting and attention: Alpha dogs are used to being fussed over. In a real dog pack, subordinate dogs are forever touching, licking and grooming the alpha dog. It's a show of respect and submission. For now, until his attitude has shown improvement, cut down on the amount of cuddling your dog gets. When he wants attention, make him SIT first, give him a few kind words and pats, then stop. Go back to whatever it was you were doing and ignore him. If he pesters you, tell him NO! in a firm voice and ignore him some more. Pet him when you want to, not just because he wants you to. Also, for the time being, don't get down on the floor or on your knees to pet your dog. That, too, is a show of submission. Give praise, petting and rewards from a position that's higher than the dog.

Games: If you or anyone in your family wrestles, rough-houses or plays tug of war with your dog, stop! These games encourage dogs to dominate people physically and to use their teeth. In a dog pack or in a litter, these games are more than just playing - they help to establish pack order based on physical strength. Your dog is already probably stronger and quicker than you are. Rough, physical games prove that to him. He doesn't need to be reminded of it!

Find new games for him to play. Hide & seek, fetch or frisbee catching are more appropriate. Make sure you're the one who starts and ends the game, not the dog. Stop playing before the dog gets bored and is inclined to try to keep the ball or frisbee.

Where does your dog sleep? Not in your bedroom and especially not on your bed! Your bedroom is a special place - it's your "den". An alpha dog thinks he has a right to sleep in your den because he considers himself your equal. In fact, he may have already taken over your bed, refusing to get off when told or growling and snapping when anyone asks him to make room for the humans. Until your dog's alpha problems are fully under control, the bedroom should be off-limits! The same goes for sleeping on furniture. If you can't keep him off the couch without a fight, deny him access to the room until his behavior and training has improved.

Crate-training: Dog crates have 1,000 uses and working with an alpha dog is one of them. It's a great place for your dog to sleep at night, to eat

in and just to stay in when he needs to chill out and be reminded that he's a dog. The crate is your dog's "den". Start crate training by feeding him his dinner in his crate. Close the door and let him stay there for an hour afterwards. If he throws a tantrum, ignore him. Don't let your dog out of his crate until he's quiet and settled. At bedtime, show him an irresistible goodie, tell him to SIT and when he does, throw the goodie into the crate. When he dives in for the treat, tell him what a good boy he is and close the door.

Graduating from Boot Camp: What's next? Just like in the army, boot camp is really just an introduction to a new career and new way of doing things. A tour through boot camp isn't going to solve your alpha dog's problems forever. It's a way to get basic respect from a dog who's been bullying you without having to resort to physical force.

How long should boot camp last? That depends on the dog. Some will show an improvement right away, others may take much longer. For really tough cookies, natural leaders that need constant reminders of their place in the pack, Alpha Dog Boot Camp will become a way of life. Social climbers may need periodic trips through boot camp if you get lax and accidentally let them climb back up a notch or two in the family pack order.

How do you know if you're making a difference? If boot camp has been successful, your dog should start looking to you for directions and permission. He'll show an eagerness to please. Watch how your dog approaches and greets you. Does he come to you "standing tall", with his head and ears held high and erect? It may look impressive and proud but it means he's still alpha and you still have problems! A dog who accepts humans as superiors will approach you with his head slightly lowered and his ears back or off to the sides. He'll "shrink" his whole body a little in a show of submission. Watch how he greets all the members of the family. If he displays this submissive posture to some of them, but not others, those are the ones who still need to work on their own alpha posture and methods. They should take him back through another tour of boot camp with support from the rest of the family.

Obedience Training: Once your dog has begun to accept this new way of life and his new position in the family, you should take him through an obedience course with a qualified trainer. All dogs need to be trained and alpha dogs need training most of all! You don't have to wait until

he's through with boot camp to start this training but it's important that he respects at least one member of the family and is willing to take direction from them.

Obedience class teaches you to train your dog. It teaches you how to be alpha, how to enforce commands and rules, how to get respect and to keep it. All family members who are old enough to understand and control the dog should participate in the class.

Obedience training is a lifelong process. One obedience course does not a trained dog make! Obedience commands need to be practiced and incorporated into your daily life. In a dog pack, the alpha animal uses occasional reminders to reinforce his authority. Certain commands, like DOWN/STAY, are especially effective, nonviolent reminders of a dog's place in the family pack order and who's really in charge here.

A well-trained obedient dog is a happy dog and a joy to live with. Dogs want to please and need a job to do. Training gives them the opportunity to do both. A well-trained dog has more freedom. He can go more places and do more things with you because he knows how to behave. A well-trained dog that's secure in his place within the family pack is comfortable and confident. He knows what's expected of him. He knows his limits and who his leaders are. He's free from the responsibility of running the household and making decisions. He's free to be your loving companion and not your boss. He's free to be a dog - what he was born to be and what he always wanted to be in the first place!

When You Need Professional Help

If your dog has already injured you or someone else or if you are afraid of your dog, you should consult with a qualified professional dog trainer or behaviorist before starting Canine Boot Camp. Your dog should also have an exam by your vet to make sure there are no physical causes for his behavior. To find a qualified trainer or behaviorist near you, contact your veterinarian or the [American Kennel Club](http://www.american-kennel-club.com) for a list of obedience training clubs in your area.

This article was written by Vicki Rodenberg De Gruy, Chairman of the Chow Chow Club Inc.'s Welfare Committee.

http://www.dogstuff.info/alpha_rodenberg.html

Banned Breeds are no More Aggressive Than Others, New Study Finds

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Every study completed to date has found breed specific legislation to be completely ineffective in reducing the incidence of dog bites. Now a study of pet dogs in Spain published in The Journal of Veterinary Behavior, offers new insight into why. The study found that the so called dangerous breeds simply behave no differently from dogs in general when it comes to behaviors likely to lead to biting.

The authors looked for risk factors for various behavior problems as reported by dog owners. They found that dogs identified as belonging to breeds designated as dangerous according to Spanish law were no more likely to behave aggressively toward people or toward other dogs than were dogs of the random group of breeds in the sample.

What the study did find was that the larger the dog (dividing the 232 dogs studied into 3 size categories), the less likely it was to exhibit aggressive behaviors toward people such as barking, growling, snarling lunging, snapping or biting. Large dogs were also less likely to behave fearfully. This is particularly striking with regard to the breeds identified as dangerous according to Spanish law, since most fall into the large dog category and the rest into the medium. Thus they are disproportionately represented within the least aggressive groups the study identified. Another notable aspect of this finding is that it is consistent with a larger study conducted in Canada a decade earlier, (Guy, 2001) suggesting that this inverse relationship between aggression and size may carry over across continents and long periods of time.

In looking at aggression toward their fellow dogs, the study found that gender and age played a role. Males were more likely to show aggression toward other dogs, as were to a small degree, the older dogs in the sample, but dangerous breed identification made no difference. The researchers conclude simply, that "dogs classified as dangerous do not seem to be more aggressive than the rest."

<http://www.nationalcanineresearchcouncil.com/blog/new-study-finds-banned-breeds-no-more-aggressive-than-any-others/>

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