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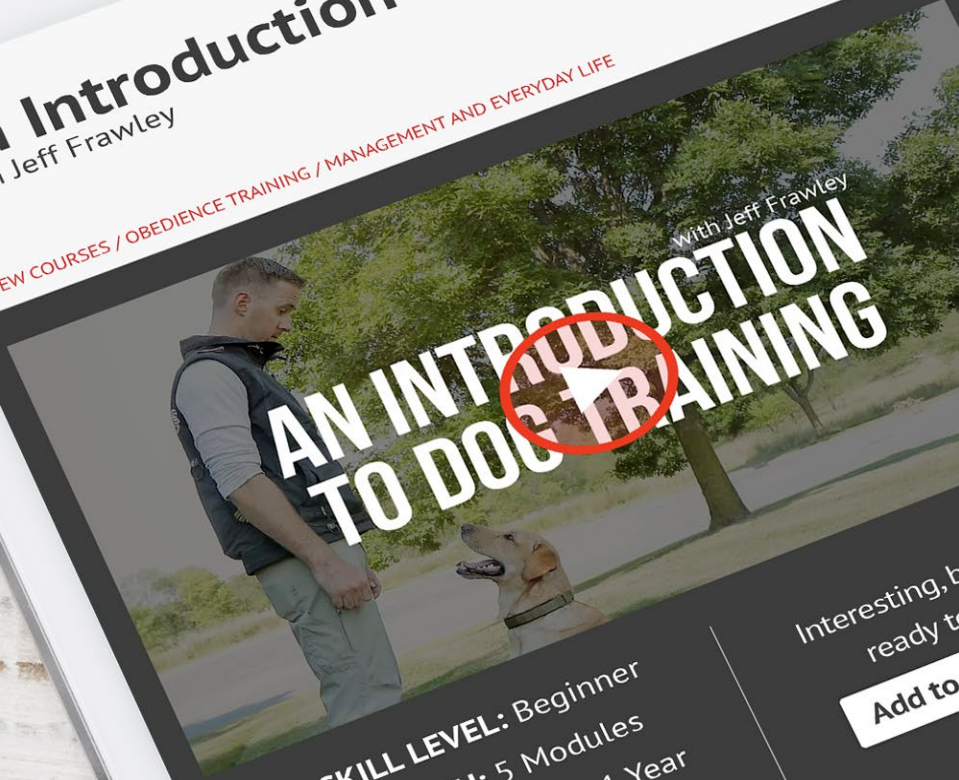
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# Michael Ellis

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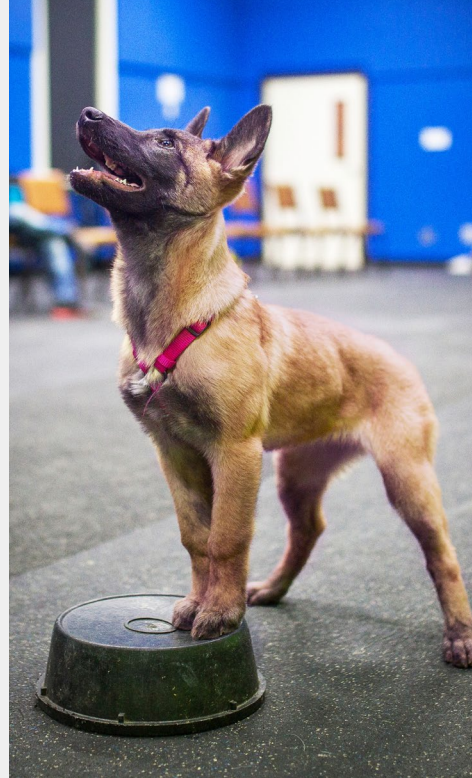
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Michael's clear, concise, and patient, style has made him one of the most popular coaches of trainers in the country. He has given over 300 seminars in the United States, Canada, and South America. Those seminars add up to over 1000 days of lecture and practical work in the last eight years alone. Michael's teachings have been one of the main influences in popularizing reward based training systems for the protection sports.

Michael has competed in and done decoy/helper work for several national level competitions both in Schutzhund and Ringsport competitions. He was also one of the first Mondioring decoys to be certified in the U.S. Michael has coached national champions in several disciplines, and many national and international competitors. Michael was also a past president of the American Working Malinois Association and a former board member of the U.S. Mondioring Association. However, out of everything he has accomplished he is perhaps most proud of helping the hundreds of beginning and club level trainers improve their physical and verbal skills.



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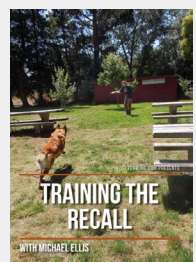
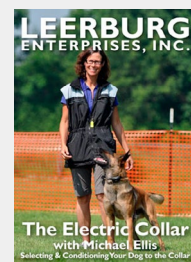
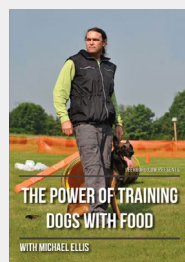
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# Environmental Influences Behavior

written by: Cindy Rhodes

For a large majority of the dog trainers I spend time with this statement is a given. The environment we are in will greatly influence the behavior of our dogs and our behavior as well. Sometimes this is a positive influence but often it's the opposite of what is expected.



I'd like for you to think about some scenarios. How do you behave when you are in church with your grandmother? How do you behave when you are in a bar with your friends? Think about being called into your supervisor's office. I'm fairly certain that the environment and the people surrounding you influence your behavior quite a bit.

When we are spending time with our dogs the places we take them will greatly change the behaviors we see from them. We often train new behaviors in a somewhat sterile environment inside our home or quiet space. Successful trainers understand that adding a new environment that includes distractions will likely show gaps in the dog's understanding of behaviors that were easy in a low to no distraction location. Sometimes new trainers or even experienced trainers with a new dog may fail to recognize that the dog isn't "blowing you off" or "giving you the finger", he or she is simply overwhelmed by the environment.

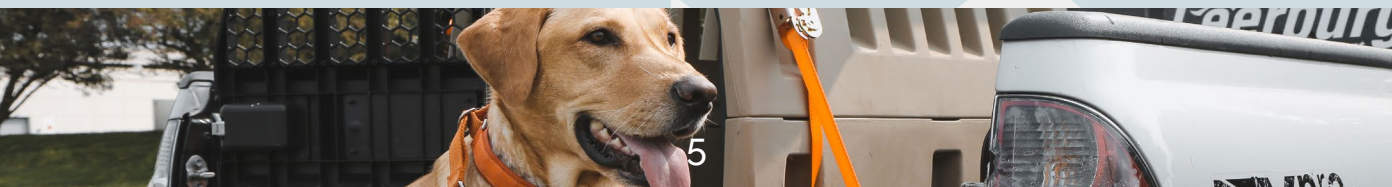
How does your dog behave in your kitchen? What type of reactions will your dog have to the distractions at a park? At an agility or IPO trial? In city traffic? At the vet's office? How do you behave in these environments? Are you nervous? Distracted? Excited?

The way you behave in new environments also influences your dog. A fearful dog can gain confidence from your calmness, but if you are nervous it can have a negative effect on an already unconfident dog.

I think many dog trainers select a certain type of dog for our personal dogs. Until recently I always chose working or herding breeds like the Malinois. It makes sense to pick a dog that is so motivated that it is easy to work them through training challenges in the environment. The issue lies in the large number of dogs that are not extremely motivated for primary reinforcers like food and toys or dogs that have fear or other confidence issues. I know that I have been spoiled in the past. I have had dogs that could focus and engage no matter what the distraction or environment. These dogs are priceless and make training easy. Dogs like this also make it easy to forget that not all dogs are this way.

Six years ago I got my first terrier. She's probably the most intelligent dog I've owned and a real problem solver. She's a breeze to train until you get out of a sterile training environment. Once you are outside and the delicious smell of critters is on the breeze she can appear to be a completely untrained dog. I've had to work extremely hard for the smallest increments of progress with this dog in that particular environment. I've had other trainers tell me she's blowing me off and I suppose this may be true but the core of the issue is that I'm not as valuable or interesting to her as her new environment. I just have to work harder on our relationship and reward system. This dog has made me look at training from a different point of view and evaluate my training environments from the dog's side. I don't believe I was very good at doing that before.

This is my first blog post and was written as a reminder to myself more than anything. Train the dog in front of you at that moment and try not to compare dogs to each other because you will not only shortchange the dog but your education as a trainer. Look at things from the dog's point of view when changing environments.



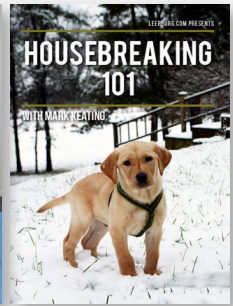


# MARK KEATING

Mark has been training dogs professionally since 1998 in various forms of obedience, agility and protection work. He works and trains primarily at Red Star Kennel in Hudson, where he serves as one of three trainers who conduct private lessons, group classes, and handles dogs who stay for the boarding and training program.

As a general dog trainer, Mark has been assisting dogs and handlers in the midwest since 1998. From teaching group obedience classes, to behavior modification, he has worked with over 1000 dogs to date.

Mark has taught numerous seminars across the US in sport-style bitework in sports such as French Ring, Mondio Ring, PSA, and Schutzhund.



# ANN BRAUE

Ann is a professional dog trainer who has been competing in the obedience ring, and agility for decades. She is widely regarded for her skills as a trainer, but her true passion is sharing information and helping students excel. Her training philosophy focuses on positive reinforcement and building a strong relationship between the dog and the handler.



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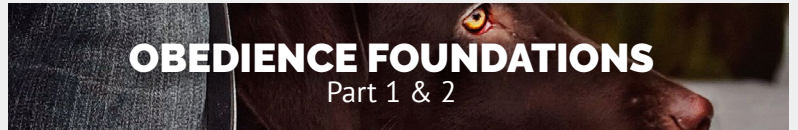
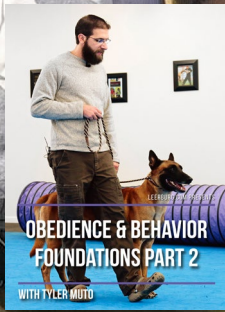
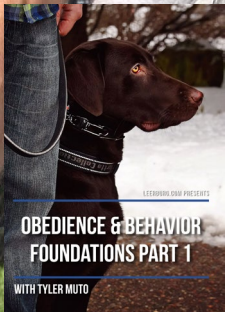
1. Build a strong relationship between you and your puppy
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3. Build a strong desire to learn in your puppy
4. Develop your puppy's body awareness and strength



# TYLER MUTO

Tyler Muto owns and operates K9 Connections, a dog training facility in Buffalo, New York. Tyler has taken his passion for dog training and his skills as an entrepreneur and turned his business into the standard for pet dog training facilities around the world. Tyler's courses and DVDs are geared for other professional trainers as well as dog owners who want to develop a well behaved family dog. Tyler's extensive knowledge and professionalism transfers over into his other role as the president of the International Association of Canine Professionals (IACP).

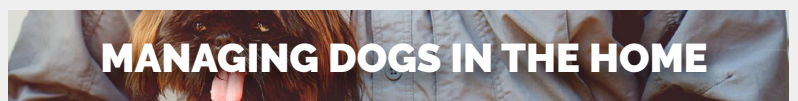
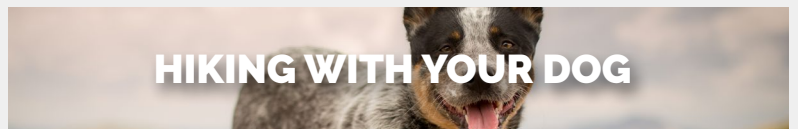
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# ED FRAWLEY

Leerburg Enterprises, Inc. is a family owned business that was started in 1982 by Ed Frawley. Ed has owned and trained dogs since 1960. Ed started filming dog training seminars in 1978 and in 1982 he produced his first training video on VHS tape. He also began breeding German Shepherd's in 1978, and continued to breed working bloodline German Shepherds for the next 35 years. Ed was a K-9 handler on the Dunn Country Sheriff's Dept from 1990 to 2000. He brings 50 years of dog training experience and many years of law enforcement to his training videos and courses.

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Chad Hunter has been a professional dog trainer since 2004 and has competed in over 70 French Ring trials. Chad is also a certified French Ring Judge and Decoy.



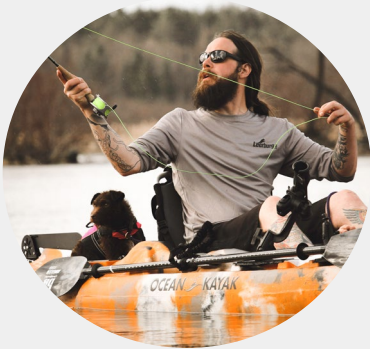
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JJ and his wife Nichole operate a dog training facility in Tuscon, AZ. They specialize in sport dog training, rattlesnake avoidance, and rescue dogs.



**JOSH MORAN**  
Small Dog Obedience

Josh specializes in adapting training concepts to fit the needs of our smaller dogs. He also professionally trains dogs of all shapes and sizes.



**TAMI MCLEOD**  
Competition Obedience

Tami has been training dogs professionally for 20 years. Her true passion is training competition dogs at the highest level for IPO and AKC obedience.



**KEVIN SHELDAHL**  
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Kevin has more than 30 years experience in training law enforcement officers, corrections officers, military handlers, and their service dogs.

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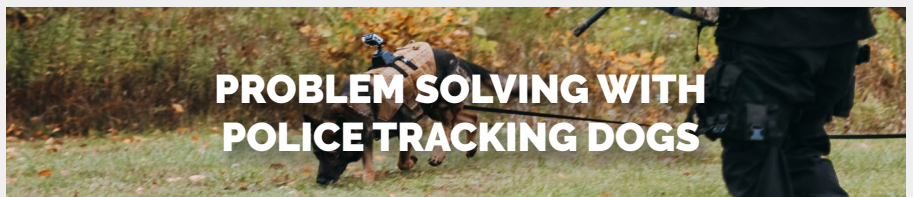


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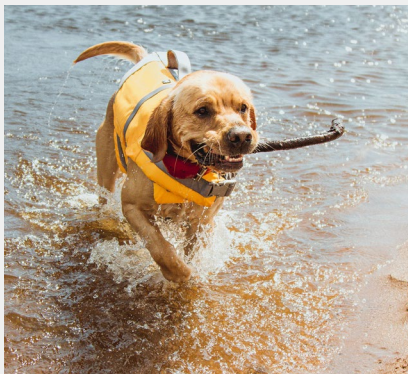
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While we expect our dogs to be under “100% control, 100% of the time,” we also want our hikes to be enjoyable for both you and your dogs. Leerburg’s **DVD Hiking With Your Dog** with Ed Frawley provides information both new and experienced dog owners should know to make that happen. This DVD explains how we handle the various distractions encountered on our hikes. Some of those include bikers, joggers, other on and off leash dogs, both predators and prey animals, and more. This video explains how Ed and Cindy deal with these various distractions. What they do depends on the experience level of the dogs they are hiking with.



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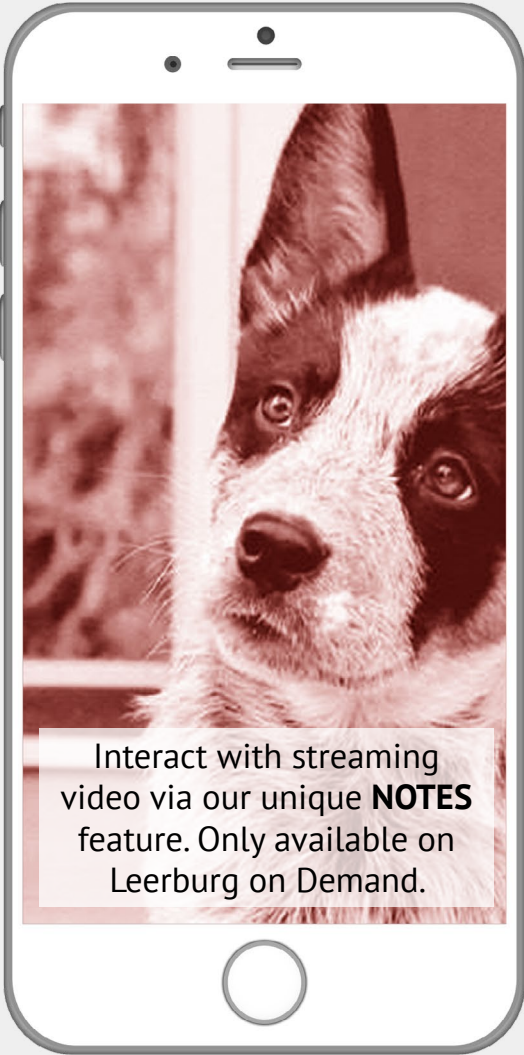
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## Functional Obedience and the Development of Character

written by: Tyler Muto

“...Thorough obedience training does more than assure a dog’s response to his master’s command; capacities for learning and emotional stability could be increased and integrated as permanent qualities of character.” -William Koehler, 1962

For many years, I chose to leave the behavior of sit-stay out of my basic obedience programs, and give preference to teaching the dog to stay in either a down position, or on a dog bed. This is not to say that I did not teach sit, or that I did not teach stay. I simply did not find that it was important to teach the dog to hold a sit position for a duration of time independently of his human.

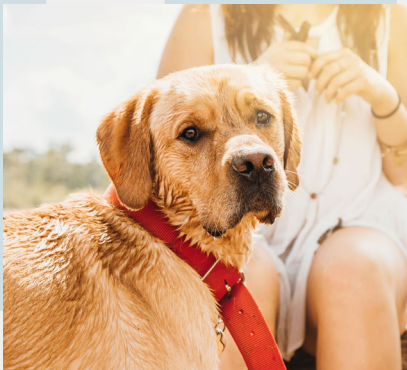
When questioned about this, I held fast to two primary points of reasoning:

1. It is not functionally necessary. The rationale behind this trajectory of thought is that I have already taught the dog to stay in a “place” command (on a dog bed), and I have already taught the dog to stay in a down position. With these two positions, I can control my dog and expect them to stay put in virtually any circumstance that I can imagine. So, why would I need a third “Stay” position? Additionally, I cannot fathom a scenario where it would be necessary for my dog to stay where he is, at a distance from me, and it be absolutely imperative that he is sitting up rather than lying down. [ ... ]

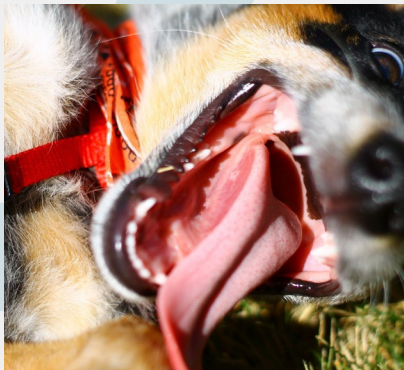
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# FORREST MICKE

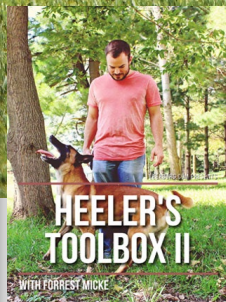
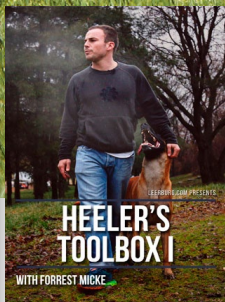


Forrest Micke is an American dog-training educator. His international seminar work and popular online educational classes have influenced thousands of students globally.

His popular seminar topics have been presented over 100 times across 5 continents in the past 6 years.

Forrest is known for his innovative, relationship-centered approach to training and his passionate and personalized teaching style. He's been called inspiring, genuine, motivating, and outside the box.

Forrest lives in Oregon and enjoys experiencing the Pacific Northwest with his dogs Amos, Elzer, and Endy.



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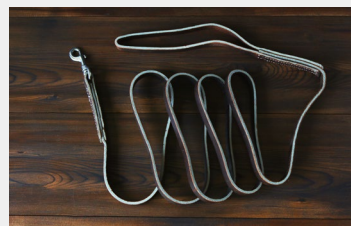
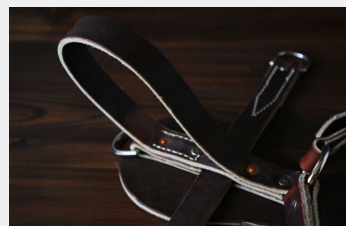
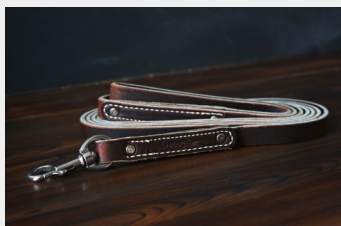


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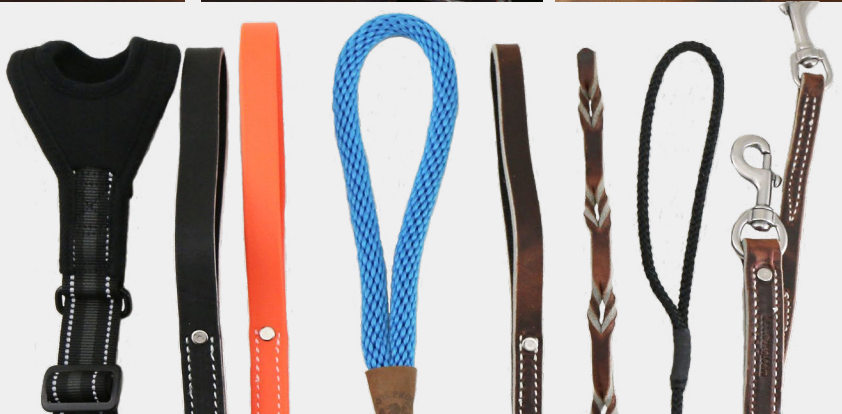
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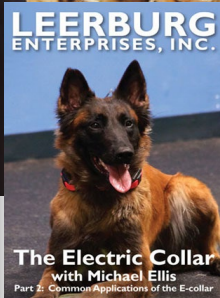
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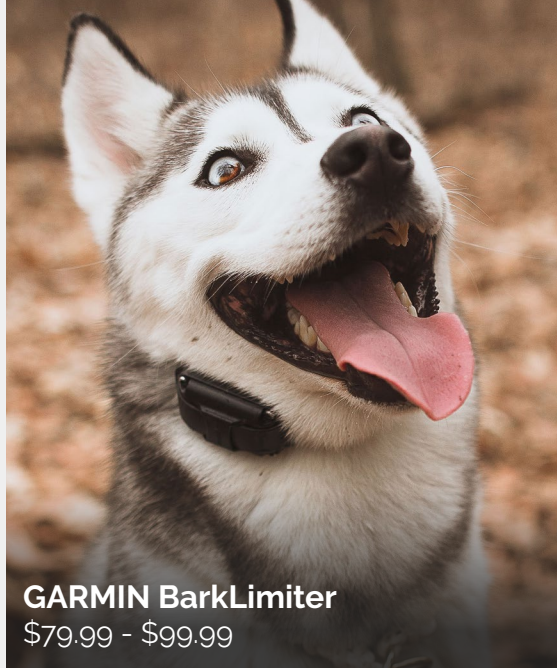
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This article is about the evolution of training methods for using remote collars to deal with dog aggression. The article is not about teaching people how to establish stimulation levels or how to condition a dog to remote collars.

I bought my first electric collar in 1979. It was a Tri Tronics Pro 100 that cost \$1,000.00. Today that collar is the model-T Ford of remote collars.

Just as remote collars have drastically improved and changed over the years, so too have the methods of training and using remote collars.

One of the best quotes I ever heard is

### “WHEN YOU KNOW BETTER YOU DO BETTER”

Hopefully this will apply those who read this article or listen to the podcast.

Years ago we thought we could use an electric collar (e-collar) to stop dog fights and/or dog aggression by simply stimulating the dog while it showed aggression. One doesn't need to do this very often to quickly learn that this often made things worse.

Too often dogs that get stimulated while acting aggressively actually think the stimulation is coming from the other dog and they end up fighting harder. If they are on leash and can't get to the other dog many will turn and redirect their aggression into their handler.

Those of us who have trained police service dogs or dogs in biting sport have seen young

dogs being trained in protection work who turn and strike their handler as the handler pats their side to tell them that they are doing a good job. When this happens it's just a reflex action on the part of the dog, it happens because the young dog is so pumped up that its brain stops working. This same thing can happen if a dog gets stimulated from a remote collar while it is in a high state of agitation and focused on another dog.

The next training method that came along involved stimulating the reactive dog when it just looked at another dog. We didn't wait until the dog started to bark or act aggressively. We kept a close eye on our dog and the moment he looked at another dog it got stimulated.

This worked with some dogs but with other more reactive dogs who got stimulated at too high of a level of stimulation it resulted in the dog again redirecting their aggression into the handler, this means they bit their handlers.

We found that lowering the level of stimulation often eliminated this redirection problem. We also learned to start this process at a greater distance from the second dog. The key being to find the lowest level of stimulation that caused the dogs to redirect their attention away from the second dog without redirecting aggression into the handler.

We learned that the levels of stimulation often need to change during training. Dogs that are faced with a higher level of distraction usually need a high level of stimulation than they would normally get. We also found that some dogs would need increasingly higher levels of stimulation because they became desensitized to lower levels while other dogs would redirect away from the second dog with increasingly lower levels of stimulation. The bottom line is each dog reacts differently and it's the handler's job to read his dog and make appropriate adjustment. This topic is covered in our DVDs.

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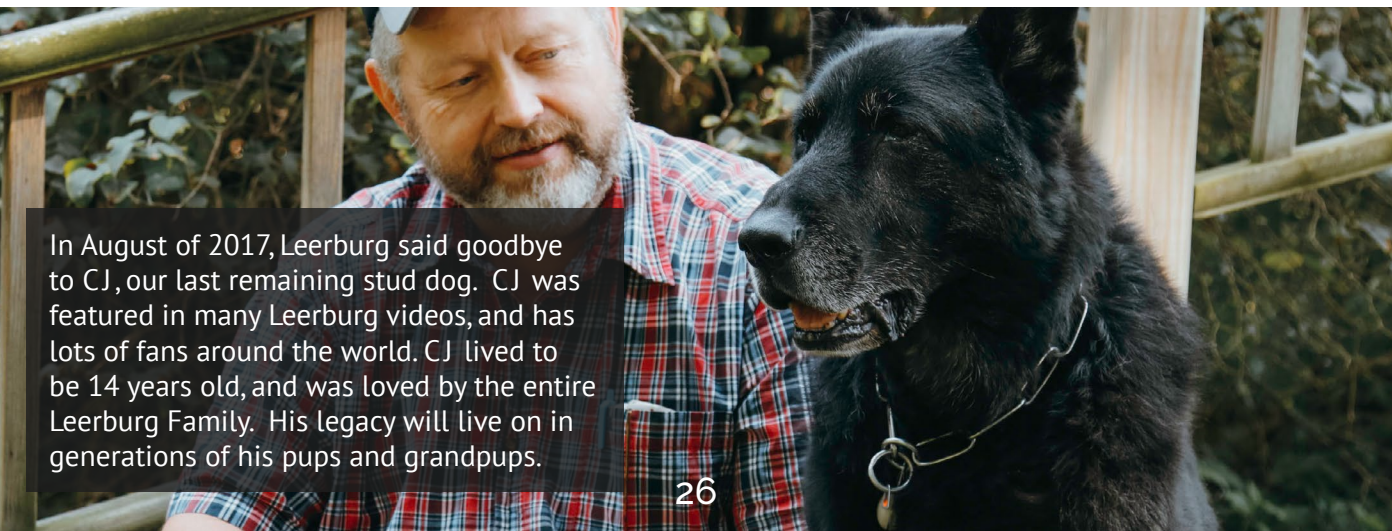
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# ASK CINDY

Have a question about your dog? Leerburg offers free training advice, management, healthcare, and general dog questions through the Ask Cindy feature of our website.

Cindy Rhodes began training dogs when she was 13 years old and has bred working bloodline Dobermans and Malinois under the kennel name Kaiserhaus since the late 1980's. She has competed in AKC & CKC obedience / Rally, Schutzhund / IPO, and Mondioring. In 1990 she competed in the USA Schutzhund III Nationals with a female Doberman she raised from a puppy, and starting in 2010 began competing in Mondioring with her homebred Malinois, Rush. Cindy has also been a professional dog groomer for 15 years and has raised and trained many different breeds including: Shetland Sheepdog, Belgian Tervuren, Malinois, Pembroke Welsh Corgi, Doberman, Border Terrier and Australian Cattle Dog.

Leerburg has also collected and organized over 3,200 commonly asked questions, located under the Q&A tab at the top of our website.



In August of 2017, Leerburg said goodbye to CJ, our last remaining stud dog. CJ was featured in many Leerburg videos, and has lots of fans around the world. CJ lived to be 14 years old, and was loved by the entire Leerburg Family. His legacy will live on in generations of his pups and grandpups.

