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Join The Family: Enjoy The Freedom



Who's The Boss

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Every day I hear stories from people who are not comfortable with their dog's behaviour. In most cases it's not that the dog is nasty or aggressive, it's just that the pet's behaviour is in some ways just not quite acceptable or quite as it should be.

To try and document exactly what the pet owner is concerned about I've developed this short questionnaire. So that I can help you, please complete it to the best of your ability by simply circling the appropriate answer in the right-hand column.

The following short honesty check will tell you "Who's the boss" in your household.

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| 1) If you and the dog arrive at the door together, who walks through the door first? | Me | Dog |
| 2) When the dog scratches at the door to be let in or out, do you jump up immediately? | Yes | No |
| 3) Who has dinner first? | Me | Dog |
| 4) Does your dog take you for a walk, rather than you taking the dog? | Yes | No |
| 5) Do you walk around your dog if it is lying down? | Yes | No |
| 6) Who is the most comfortable on your bed? | Me | Dog |
| 7) Do you allow your dog to bark whenever it feels like it? | Yes | No |
| 8) Do you allow your dog to dig holes in your garden? | Yes | No |
| 9) Does your dog growl at you if you touch its food? | Yes | No |
| 10) Does your dog demand you play with it by dropping a ball or stick at your feet? | Yes | No |
| 11) Do you always obey your dog's commands? | Yes | No |
| 12) Does your dog ignore you when you call it? | Yes | No |
| 13) Does your dog run away from you? | Yes | No |
| 14) Does your dog have its own lounge chair, and bite you if you touch it? | Yes | No |
| 15) Does your dog create a fuss when you go out and leave it? | Yes | No |
| 16) Does your dog wriggle and squirm when you try to groom it, cut its nails and look at its ears? | Yes | No |
| 17) Does your dog refuse to eat the dinner you have provided? | Yes | No |
| 18) Does your dog suffer from selective hearing? | Yes | No |
| 19) Does your dog continually jump up on you and your friends? | Yes | No |
| 20) Does your dog ever growl at you when you chastise it? | Yes | No |
| 21) Does your dog take the washing off the line for you? | Yes | No |
| 22) Does your dog bark at nothing? | Yes | No |

If you answered 'yes' or 'dog' to any of these questions then you and your family have some interesting dog obedience problems to solve.

If you can live with these problems - then 'Great' - that's fine. However, if these problems are of concern to you then, I can help you. I can do this by:

- increasing your knowledge of canine behavior,
- providing you with appropriate pamphlets and handouts relating to your dog's specific problem.
- scheduling an appointment for you and your family with one of our team members specially trained in this problem area,
- arranging a home visit and counseling,
- providing obedience training schemes or
- tailoring a specific obedience program for your dog.

For further information just call me on **(02) 4872 1144** so that we can arrange for Our Team to help you.

Thank you for your time

