

# Family Dog Mediation, beyond training.

Learning who your dog is through the  
L.E.G.S model.

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# What is Family Dog Mediation?



Family Dog Mediation is the evolution of dog training. It's a cutting-edge model of canine behavior that recognizes the inseparable relationship between animals & humans & addresses the profound roles that we play in our dog's behavior as we face certain challenges living in inter-species families in the 21st century. What's been missing in the dog conversation is what lies at the heart of most of our canine conflict-**misunderstanding**. We haven't found the answers we're seeking, because we've been asking the wrong kinds of questions - such as HOW to train our dogs to be "good".



# ASK WHY BEFORE WE ASK HOW

While the world debates HOW to train dogs to behave, Family Dog Mediators ask WHY first. An understanding of applied ethology – how captivity & modern conditions interrupt our dogs' natural behavior and welfare - is the game-changing piece of the puzzle that has been missing from the pet dog world. This interdisciplinary approach to behavior as a product of welfare reveals the scientific reasons & practical solutions for the challenges we're experiencing with our dogs.

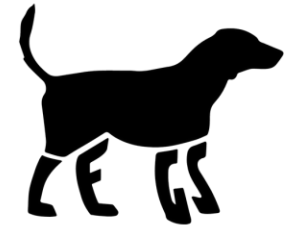


# WELFARE FIRST

Family Dog Mediators respect the responsibility that dog professionals must get to the heart of what a dog's "behavior problems" reflect. They understand that just because we can change a dog's behavior, it doesn't mean we always should. FDMs recognize that the burden is first on us to provide for our dogs' best welfare, before we ask them to follow our directions.



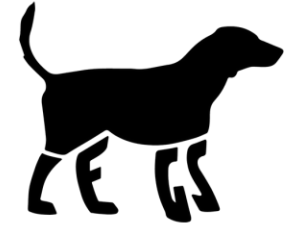
# Introduction to L.E.G.S



Learning Environment Genetics Self

- **L- LEARNING-** What kinds of experience has your dog had? What kinds of “good” or “bad” habits has he/she developed? What kinds of things has he/she formed positive or negative associations with? What has their education and training looked like, tools that have been used? Has your dog developed the skills to cope in our world?
- **E-Environment-** What is your dog's home like and daily lifestyle? Does their current environment fit the genetics needs of their breed? How many hours a day is your dog indoors vs outdoors? What kind of mental enrichment are you providing to meet their needs? What is the social environment like for your dog, do they have friends to play with.

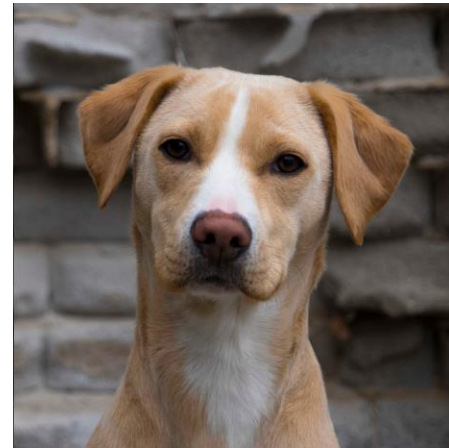
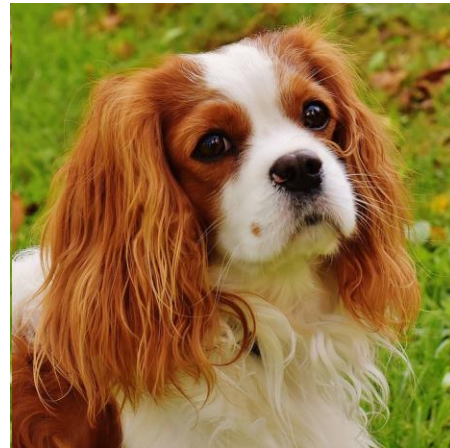
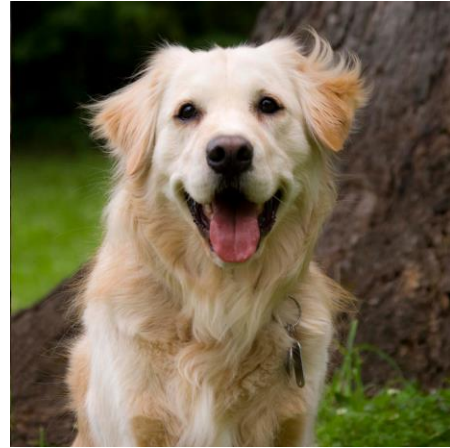
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- **G- GENETICS-** What genes does the dog carry that might influence their behavior? What natural behaviors might be emerging as their historically selected instincts meet the modern pet lifestyle? Are events in their world accidentally triggering genetics responses that they were actually bred to do but are wreaking havoc in your home? Are their instincts well matched to his environmental habitat and lifestyle or is your dog suffering behaviorally and Psychologically?
- **S- SELF-** What are your dogs' internal conditions like? How might age, health, sex, reproductive status influencing behavior? Are their medical issues , injuries, gut issues, allergies, chronic pain etc- all affect behavior.

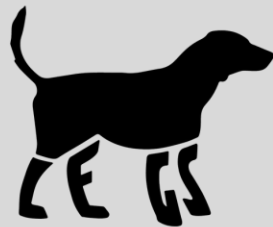




# Breed Categories

# Moving away from compliance to compassion

- Compliance means your dog “has “ to listen to you !
- Obedience – your dog has no choice , no agency , no ability to problem solve.
- Good dog/Bad dog vs Good Behavior/Bad Behavior – negative labels affects your behavior and interactions with your dog.
- Have an alliance and a conversation with you dog, explain more- train less.
- Teach life skills that matter and help your dog cope in our world.
- Teach predictable patterns of precedent( PPP’s).
- Everything your dog does is behavior, driven by all L.E.G.S



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# Building a better bond and relationship

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- Learn who your dog is through play.
- Step up and be an advocate for your dog.
- Provide mental enrichment and an outlet for your dog based on genetics .
- Set predictable patterns in your home and your dogs daily routine- ppp's reduce anxiety , uncertainty and frustration.
- Allow your dogs choice: to be picked up, where they can walk and sniff, if they want affection.





# Life Hacks for common complaints

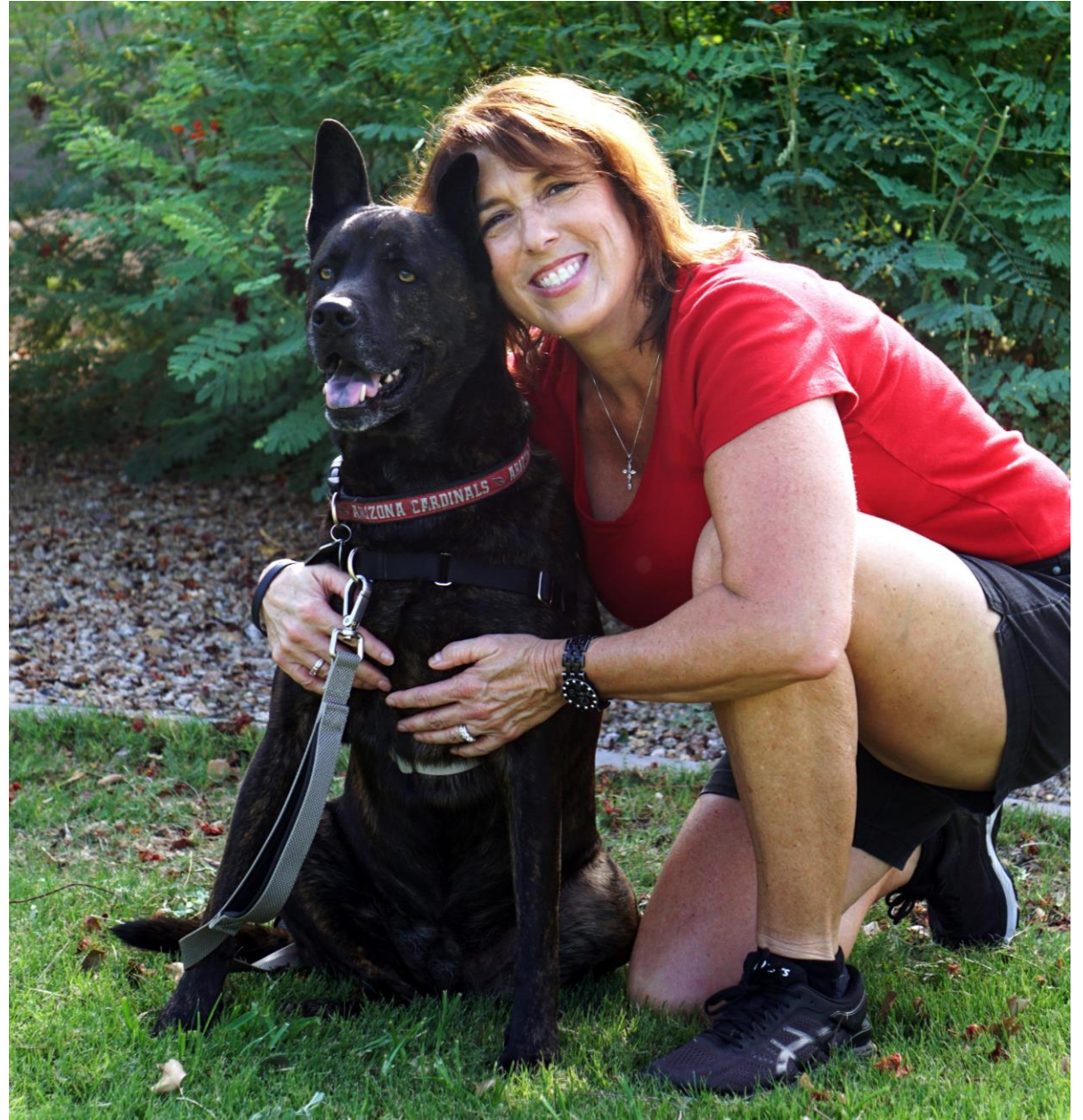
- **The “Karl” Hack-** For solo puppies and singleton dogs
- **The Off Duty Hack-** For dogs reacting to visitors coming into the home
- **The Naughty Dog Hack-** To prevent resource guarding and encourage trading a stolen item for a toy or treat.
- **The Mr. Rogers Hack-** Narrating everything in the dog's environment to increase predictability and reduce anxiety and stress, this builds currency and trust with your dog.
- **The Pattern Hack-** Dogs brains are designed to look for patterns in their environment and social interactions. Patterns create predictability, safety and structure for our dogs.













# Wrap up and Q&A

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