

Title: Food Aggression

Subtitle: Health

Author: jojo

Date: 2007/9/4

URL: <http://www.thefocc.com/xoops/modules/article/view.article.php/c7/15>

Summary: It takes just two minutes each day to train your dog so that it does not become food aggressive as an adult or adolescent pup.

In memory of Atlas.... I wish you a much happier life where you are, you very sweet dog...

Please please please remember to socialise your dog with food. Food aggression is so avoidable if done right from an early age.

With all of my dogs when feeding them from the day I get home I put my hands in their food bowls while they are feeding, I pick up bits of chicken, egg, biscuit and feed them by hand. I then take the bowl away from them and give it back to them ONCE PER DAY, by doing this they do not feel threatened whilst eating and they get to know that no matter who is near they will get their meals. I also make each dog wait for its food, so I put down the food bowl, give the command wait and then say ok, as a pup I hold its collar and say wait until its got the hang of things and then after a few weeks they do it on their own without my hold.

I know there are so many opinions of this out there but for me this has worked from a Jack Russel, through to a Staffordshire Bull Terrier and finally my Corsos.

That's it - no science here, start young and they will not be food aggressive!

After drying my eyes I typed in the dogs name and the programme I had seen, I am leaving someone else to tell you about Atlas - I don't feel like crying all night long.

<http://journals.aol.com/his1desire/GirlsHeadNoise/entries/666>

This ones for you Atlas...

I've always been an avid fan of animal reality tv shows like animal cops Detroit, animal rescue shows and emergency vets .. you can rest assured that my tv remains on the animal planet network the majority of the time

I've noticed that the few short months volunteering at the humane society has really given me some valuable insight

one of the realities I've been forced to deal with is euthanasia .. as much as it breaks my heart its part of the reality of dealing with so many animals but for me, its still a struggle to deal with it

I watch the shows for the "happy endings" .. those stories are the ones that balance everything .. yet

once in a while one of the sad endings effects how i view people who find it so easy to mistreat their pets.

I had the (misfortune?) of watching animal cops when they rescued a chained malnourished dog from someones back yard ..

After weeks of medical treatment he was finally put through the rigors of behavior evaluation .. he had quickly made his way into the hearts of everyone .. he retained his loving nature despite all he had been through ..

Sadly he failed the food test .. not borderline, leaving the possibility of training to rid him of his food aggression.

I feel like a different person today.

I apologize for leaving a few blanks in this story .. i just can't find the words.

One of the things i get to help with at the shelter is picking appropriate names for some of the dogs and cats that come through before they get placed for adoption.

I'm on the lookout for a sweet natured dog that despite his ordeal managed to retain his loving nature .. and I'm naming him Atlas.

I'm sorry Atlas .. i wish your life would have turned out differently .. you deserved better.

What the lady does not say, that I just need to share here is that this was the biggest chain I had ever seen a dog tied to. It weighted over 5lbs, it was eating into his skin but all he could do was wag his tail. When they lifted him onto the operating table he was wagging his tail and when they put him asleep to remove the chain with bolt cutters he was wagging his tail. After all of that, he was destroyed because of food aggression. The gutter for me is that I know in time I could have cured him of it but they were not prepared to take that chance.

Give your dogs the time and love they deserve. They didn't pick you - you picked them!