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TRAINING, STEP ONE: WHAT ARE YOU DOING THAT IS RESULTING IN THE UNWANTED BEHAVIOUR IN THE FIRST PLACE?



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## Introduction

I feel pet owners should carefully assess what they are doing to encourage unwanted behaviors in the first place. Once they can identify where their pet is getting the energy from, stop the energy flow and the dog's behavior changes, fast..

**Do you over excite your puppy with a high pitchy voice? If so, STOP!**

I have a rule in my house, keep your mouth off me, period. I don't waste a single second attempting to figure out what I can't see. I can't read an animal's thinking; all I can see is its actions. It's unimportant why a puppy would put his mouth on me. I just know that it is not acceptable behavior in my home, thus my pets do not engage in it. I don't have to yell, spray, or make a big deal about it since I don't do anything to promote it in the first place.

I also believe that pet owners should consider what they are doing to foster undesirable behaviors in the first place. Stopping the energy flow and the dog's behavior alters quickly after they've figured out where the energy is coming from.

In my case there aren't any. None. Zero. I, nor any of my other pets, partake in the behavior in the first place. As a result, mouthing behavior has little chance of establishing itself.

My puppies immediately recognize that I am not a littermate, so they don't treat me like one, and I never do anything that would encourage my puppy to believe that I am an odd-ball-canine-replacement. I don't interfere with mother nature, so when a puppy enters my environment, it's already set up to be excellent. I let the realities of nature lead the way.

It would theoretically be a sort of "extinction," which is defined as the loss of a behavior due to a lack of reward. It's psychology 101.

However, if nipping/mouthing became a habit, I would have to take proactive measures to prevent it. Thankfully, I've never developed an undesirable habit.

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It's fantastic. Because when I teach new behaviors, I do so without having to deal with trashy behaviors that should never have happened in the first place.

I enjoy spending time with my dogs, and we value independence. I live in a wooded region with only nature for company. I require my canines to be alert. They can't be barking at Bears, harassing Deer, or squirrels. I have to trust them to keep their cool. I don't attempt to make evolution better. When you look at animals in the wild, all you see is elegance. Then we, as humans, acquire them, and all you see are issues. LOL. I cling to what comes naturally to me because it works for me.

STEP ONE OF TRAINING: What are you doing to cause the undesirable behavior in the first place?

If you don't figure it out, it'll take months, if not years, to solve issues that should be addressed in hours. So start constructing a list; some examples are provided below.

1. Do you use a high-pitched voice to over-excite your puppy? Stop if this is the case.
2. Do you promote rough play with toys, such as tug of war? If so, stop.
3. Do you become upset when he bites you and stay at his level on the floor to engage with him? If this is the case, come to a complete stop and walk away.
4. When he's playing with you, are you acting like a puppy companion and pretending to howl in pain? If that's the case, stop yelping and start barking like an older dog demanding attention. A good example is the video below.

<https://youtu.be/KHBe0jT6S3U>

If the above structure is not effective, we'll need to start working together remotely. You may reach out to me. I have a monthly VIP membership to help coach clients from puppy to adult. You can learn more by clicking the link below:

<https://www.wolfdogbehaviorist.com/.../7e40c7...>

