

JUNIOR LEVEL

Fear and Aggression

The challenges: taking aggression cases, taking fear cases

Function of fear and aggression

Fear

- Mechanisms

- Types of fear

- Social fears

- Counterconditioning

 - What is it exactly?

- Desensitization and counterconditioning

- Management

- Habituation versus desensitization

- DRI options

- Counseling clients with fearful dogs

- Prevention

Aggression

- Adaptive contexts of aggression in animals

- Classification of aggression

- Intervention options overview

- Desensitization threshold and aggression

- DRI options

- Case selection: prognostic indicators

- Aggression to strangers

- Food guarding

- Object guarding

- Location guarding

Body handling

Dog-dog Aggression

The usual suspects: problem types

Management logistics

Prognosis estimation by problem type

Leash problems

Off-leash problems

Play problems differential diagnosis

Predation events

Female-female problems

Game dogs

Prevention of aggression

Class activities

Most useful CERs

The big picture

Client Counseling

Choosing our battles

Delivery formats

Consultations

Day training

Board and train

Coaching clients

Coaching concepts

Coaching skills/mechanics

Coaching management

Coaching training

CED checks

Coaching exercise, enrichment and mental stimulation

Education and myth-busting

Critical Thinking

Why critical thinking for dog trainers?

How do we know whether a statement is true or not?

Hypothesis versus theory in science

Follow the evidence

The peer-review process

Behavior testing

Reliability and validity

Performing lit searches

Critical thinking resources

Psychotropic Medications

Acute versus longer term drugs

Mode of action

Most commonly used meds

Veterinary behavior resources

Our role as trainers