



Dogs are wonderful companions and cherished members of the family. As members of the community, it is important for dog owners to ensure their pets are well-behaved. This helps create a safe and harmonious environment for everyone.



## Seek professional help early

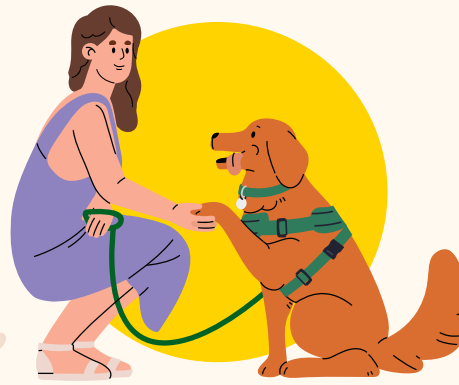
Behavioural issues often have underlying causes like pain, fear or unmet needs.

Should there be behavioural issues in your pet dog(s), always seek professional guidance from a licensed veterinarian and/or an AVS-Accredited Certified Dog Trainer.



## Socialise your puppy

This helps to build a socially well-adjusted dog.



## Build trust through training

Training is not just about obedience.



## Choose safe, humane methods

Good training approaches are fun and rewarding for the dog and should not cause fear or pain.



Misusing training tools could lead to charges under the Animals & Birds Act — for first-time offenders, this includes fines of up to \$15,000, jail time of up to 18 months, or both.

## A Dog Trainer's Role and Responsibility



Uses and promotes humane, welfare-considered training methods



Explores rewards-based training and refrains from recommending aversive training methods, unless as a last resort



Works with veterinarians to check for pain or medical issues that may be driving your dog's behaviour

