

Woofimonial from Wendessa about Riley

Dear Barry & Denise,



My name is Wendessa. I am from York, Pennsylvania. I am writing to say thank you so much for your printable hand outs. I am not a certified trainer but I do understand dog behavior and their thinking. I have been guiding dog owners for years but nothing to back up my words. When I came across your hand outs and saw that they were word for word what I tell others I jumped for joy! I am a Veterinary Technician so I encounter frustrated dog owners daily. These hand outs have made some of their lives much easier.

My own personal experience is with my fiance's border collie Riley. Riley is now 7 years old. My fiance' purchased him as a puppy. He never gave him a job, proper exercise, or training.

He also never got him neutered. So when Riley was younger (1.5 yrs according to my fiance') he really tested my fiance' and realized he was not a strong leader so Riley took the role himself. Riley started exhibiting aggression to strangers, resource guarding, leash pulling, attacking cars, guarding the car when he was inside it etc. My fiance' never corrected any of these behaviors instead he rewarded them.

Riley has bitten 5 people in his past years, myself and my son included. Riley was put on max. dose Prozac right away as well as ordered to be muzzled (basket) at home. When I came into the picture 2.5 years ago I knew what I had to do. I needed to establish myself as a strong leadership role with Riley because clearly my fiance' did not care for that position. To him telling Riley what to do and when to do it was mean. This caused more problems with Riley because he would try to disobey me when my fiance' was around ("the one that rescued him"). My son was nipped by Riley when my fiance' would try to play with our son. That was when I started taking the training entirely into my own hands.

Riley had been the #1 reason for our arguments UNTIL I came across your hand out for maintaining the alpha leadership position. I printed this out and gave it to my fiance'. I asked him to read it to finally understand why I do what I do and how Riley sees things. After reading this he apologized. We are FINALLY on the same page! Riley still takes advantage of him at times because he is not as stern as I am and puts too much trust in him BUT we have improved a lot. I feel that in the upcoming months we will see a 100% turn around. I would love to meet you both to personally thank you for saving my family. If I am ever in CA I will be sure to stop by. Thank you so much! I will also continue to spread the word about your academy and encourage people to consult you both.

Sincerely,
Wendessa