

Woofimonial of Charles Richmond and Twinkie



Found wandering the street, emaciated, dirty, dull eyed and with a dislocated hip but still wagging her tail and happily dedicated to any human who would pay her attention. "Twinkie" as she would become known was adopted after a week interment at the local dog pound. We learned later she had major behavioral problems. In addition to not being house trained, pooping all over the house, she had no obedience training. Twinkie was prone to running across streets or parks to greet every

man, woman and child as if they were a long-lost relative, regaling her victims, including small children who she would jump on and knock down with kisses.

People she loved. But dogs were another matter. Initially she didn't even get along with super mellow Pei Pei, our Cairn Terrier Golden mix who came to us a puppy and never met a dog he didn't like. That of course was worrisome, but after a few days she and Pei Pei became buddies and she (thank doggie heaven) began to follow his lead. Pei Pei had won first place in obedience training and was a good role model. Over time most of Twinkie's bad habits, through training and consults with several veterinarians in relation to physical and domination issues, were resolved. Only one issue stubbornly remained, aggressiveness towards other dogs including several attempts to attack a pit bull. It became sorely apparent when at the local dog park, before I even taken their leashes off and gotten through the gate, Twinkie was attacked by a Jack Russell Terrier. She was torn up badly enough to require stitches. Apparently she gave off a vibe to other dogs that some didn't like. It was sad that now she couldn't be trusted around other dogs.

I tried everything I knew to help Twinkie get over her aggressiveness towards other dogs. Finally, I consulted Denise and Barry, who explained a distraction technique that I never dreamt existed. When implemented during our two daily runs, (they run, I walk) in two separate parks, a noticeable improvement was seen after only a week and continues, so that she can be off leash and close to other dogs and "watch me" rather than the other dogs. Training continues under the tutelage of Denise and Barry, who by the way, also gave me a nifty treat belt bag in which to place appropriate awards for good behavior, (not for me, but for the dogs).

I highly recommend Denise and Barry and their Canine Intelligence Academy for any nagging problem you may be experiencing with a loved one (of the canine variety) or advice and guidance on any dog related issues.