Abstract of Addressing Dog Aggression in Pound and Shelter Environments

This session will cover all aspects of aggression in a pound and shelter environment. It will cover as follows :

- Assessing aggression/potential aggression on intake
- Preparing a dog for rehabilitation and the approach needed for each individual dog.
- Identifying the individual needs of each dog on intake for companionship during their stay in the shelter.
- Choosing the most suitable home for anti-social dogs i.e. whether to home with another dog or not and if so, what character.
- Identifying Teaching Dogs, both on intake and in longer term residents.
- Matching anti-social dogs with individual Teaching Dogs to address the problem will also be covered.

Abstract of Teaching Dogs in a Shelter Environment presentation

A Teaching Dog is not simply a dog that is sociable with other dogs. The Teaching Dog is one that ***wants*** to teach. The question is not ***can*** they teach but rather do they ***want*** to teach. A Teaching Dog consciously and willingly uses their natural teaching skills to relax and educate anti-social dogs in Canine Etiquette.

Angela's presentation will introduce the concept of the Teaching Dog in a shelter environment. This will include identifying, shaping and using Teaching Dogs to resolve behavioural issues in other dogs. Employing Teaching Dogs in this manner can also greatly reduce kennel stress. Not only in the dogs with social issues but with in the Teaching Dogs themselves.

Angela demonstrates this approach, using the shelters own dogs, both in the UK and in Europe. The employing of Teaching Dogs in shelters, from those housing eight hundred dogs to those housing twenty dogs, has been highly successful. This approach has helped many dogs overcome their social issues where other methods have failed. Thus giving them the opportunity to be adopted rather than spend their lives in kennels.

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