

BILLEE AND COUNTRY AGILITY

Remember me calling you in February? I was close to tears with a divorce looming. We had done everything recommended to us i.e. Dog Training Classes, Puppy socialization Behaviourists and Herbal remedies.

Where to now? I was feeling very lonely. I love this little Tibetan Spaniel but I can't help him. There must be someone out there but where? And you were! "Country Agility!"

You listened and you always said "Think positive."

Now a few months on, after a home visit, and a walk round the park and six sessions at Country Agility, Billee is improving.

Our walks are not so fraught, our nerves not so jangled and best of all Ron and I are back together!

Do you remember, Barry when I said we were thinking of going on a Charity walk with the P.A.T. dogs association? I was worried how Billee would react to all those dogs.

"Go for it" you said, "Think positive."

Well, I did, and we had a wonderful walk. I was not only proud of him but proud of myself too. We could easily have been asked to leave as did happen at a Dog Training Class we once attended.

So a very big Thank you, from a saved soul to a good dog handler and a patient agony uncle.

CHRISTINE AND BILLEE.

We would like to put into words our gratitude for what you have achieved with our "Billee."

As you are aware when we called "Country Agility" we were at our wits end.

Billee a Tibetan Spaniel of 1 1/2 months was suffering, in our opinion and that of a 'behaviourist', from a fear aggression problem.

We have tried virtually everything:-

- (a) Dog Training class - successful - at the end of an 8 week course he would 'sit', 'down', 'Leave' etc when in the hall. Outside he would still bark and snap at any dog or cat he saw.
- (b) Homeopathy - very little effect.
- (c) Behaviourist - Good at training US, but very little improvement in Billee. Very expensive.
- (d) Castration - Did not cure problem.

So we called you and after two home visits and attendance at half-a-dozen 'Club days' improvements are beginning to show.

He still barks and very occasionally snaps, but gone are his hysteria and foaming at the mouth. He now settles down very quickly after a confrontation.

The reasons for this are, we believe, not only your advice on how to handle and talk to our dogs, but also their involvement in using the agility equipment, which seems to create a natural requirement to succeed, giving them something to concentrate on, occupying their minds.

On Monday the 8th May 1995, Billee and his little brother Benghi, took part in our local PAT Charity Sponsored Walk. We all completed the walk along with approximately 20 other dogs of mixed breed and sizes, from a little Yorkshire Terrier to two huge Pyrenean Mountain Dogs. It was one of the nicest walks we have experienced with our 'boys'. We were very proud of them both.

Thank you Barry, keep up the good work.

RON & CHRISTINE

Billie and Ben passed the Kennel Club Good Citizen Scheme on 16 December 1995.