



WHAT IS NORMAL DOG BEHAVIOUR?

Many people are horrified when their dog exhibits behaviour that is normal for a dog. I have often witnessed people chastising their dogs in class for sniffing the bum of another dog, claiming it is disgusting. For a dog, sniffing bum is not only polite, it is required as part of the greeting ritual. It is the human equivalent of a hand shake! Consider the following examples of normal dog behaviour:

It is normal for a dog to engage in the following behaviours:

- 🐾 Chew things indiscriminately
- 🐾 Steal food
- 🐾 Steal your things
- 🐾 Bark at intruders (real or perceived)
- 🐾 Relieve themselves wherever the feel like
- 🐾 Find the most comfortable place for resting or sleeping (the couch or your bed!)
- 🐾 Jump on humans
- 🐾 Guard territory or possessions such as food, toys and resting places
- 🐾 Bite or Nip
- 🐾 Dig
- 🐾 Raid rubbish bins
- 🐾 Eat other animals' excrement



Of course humans find some 'normal' dog behaviours highly unacceptable, if not downright dangerous. Is it any wonder that dogs and humans frequently run into conflict when trying to co-exist? This necessitates the need for training.

We need to train our dogs to help them understand what is acceptable in the human world. It is simply unfair to expect them to intuitively know what is unacceptable. This does not happen by chance and considerable time and effort must be put into training.

Thinking your dog 'should know' what is expected of him when his DNA tells him something different is setting yourself up for failure and stressful to your dog.

If you're having trouble with your 'normal' dog, contact us to enrol in training today!



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