



When you re-home a dog from 'Dun-Roamin', it is our aim and intention to impart our knowledge, our thinking and our philosophy onto the new owners/adopters, not just for the benefit of this individual dog but, once armed with the knowledge, for every dog that the owners ever go on to own in their lifetime and if the knowledge is spread, other dogs that they encounter in their local areas whether it's family members dogs, friends or strangers willing to open up to a new way of thinking.

After two years as a Dog Warden and setting up the 'Dun-Roamin' organisations up and having taken over the kennel space belonging to another rescue, I thought that I knew about dogs and the ways of dealing with dog behaviour that I had learned and had been taught were very much akin to those well known in the public domain. Rectifying problems with the use of fear inducing and domination techniques and using quick fixes to back this up, choker chains being a prime example. It was only when I met a behaviourist and spent a year or two in her company that I came to the realisation that I knew relatively little about dogs but, because dogs in general are so very tolerant, I got away with a lot of behaviour that our canine friends really do not like. From that moment, my eyes were opened...

So what is this philosophy?

Well, in essence, the fundamental points of what we now stand for and endorse whole heartedly, is a school of thinking embracing the following points;

- To understand more about dogs through modern thinking. Realising that year on year, as techniques and knowledge changes regarding understanding man's best friend, that we should embrace them at the expense of HARMFUL / FEAR INDUCING outdated ones, after all we are ALL, always learning
- To try and rectify behavioural issues with NON HARMFUL methods/fixes, getting a dog to behave in a certain way because it wants to NOT because it fearful of what will happen if it does not
- Understanding the nature of stress levels and the direct relevance on dogs behaviour as a result

'For the sake of your 'best friend', the least you can do is get to know him/her a little better'

As a result of being blessed with this knowledge and through experience being able to put this thinking into practice, we, as a rescue, end up re-homing a lot of dogs that other rescues that would have long since given up on and into situations/circumstances that perhaps would not have been thought as possible because of the way the dog was/is behaving and is also why we have such a success rate with larger, more powerful breeds of dogs such as the much maligned bull breeds.

Ian Webb – Proprietor

We recommend 'Understanding The Silent Communication of Dogs' a book by local behaviourist Rosie Lowry. This book is available from us for £10.00 +p&p. We also have our Specialist Dog Consultancy Service. Contact Dun-Roamin' to find out more.

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