



## Specialist Dog Consultancy

A division of Dun-Roamin' Stray Dog Collection Services



### Introduction

Hello. My name is Ian Webb. I am not a formally qualified dog behaviourist nor do I profess to be. I do not have endless letters after my name eluding to the years of formal training that I have undertaken to get to where I am right now to be able to say that I 'understand' dogs.

What I am, first and foremost, is a contracted Dog Warden/Stray Dog Collection Officer for local authorities and have been so now for almost a decade. In this time I have represented North Warwickshire Borough, Tamworth Borough, Cannock District, East Staffordshire Borough & South Derbyshire District Councils.

In addition to this I am the proprietor of a dog rescue that, by the choices that we have made, has become somewhat a Staffordshire Bull Terrier specialist, re-homing dogs numbering into the thousands since it's conception in 2007. This said, there are not many breeds of dog that have not passed through our hands either as unclaimed strays or a private re-homes and a rescue that has a very good reputation for succeeding where other rescues fail or choose not to go.

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The making of myself, the business and the rescue, lies not only with having 10 years of every day experiences under my belt but with around 3 years that I spent in the shadow of a dog behaviourist who made me realise that up until then, I knew relatively little about dogs. It is with the knowledge that I was lucky enough to gain from her, and my ability to develop and adapt the philosophy for the layman that makes me successful in my approach to dog ownership.

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## So what is it that I can do for you?

Given what I have learned and seen, it is my opinion that though there are dogs out there with personality extremes and some whose issues and their fixing is beyond my current knowledge, these are truly the minority and that in the main, most issues relating to dogs, well those that I hear, are problems with the basics – walking, socialising, ID, day to day routines etc. and outdated knowledge from an owner. I truly believe that most of these can be rectified with the knowledge that I do possess. I see on a daily basis where if implemented, my knowledge could improve the very existence of both dog and owner.

It is my aim to help dogs stay with their owners through my assistance whereas without, the dog may very well be passed on or even worse, put to sleep through a lack of understanding.

*I will always be honest about whether or not your problem;*

- Is fixable AT ALL
- Means a lifetime of management rather than a single solution
- Fixable but beyond myself



## Dog Training or Behaviourist?

For me, there is a distinct difference between needing dog training or dog behavioural advice and I think many turn down the wrong avenue when needing help with their issues. Dog training is throwing information at a dog in addition to what they already know, such as 'sit', 'stay' and 'paw' etc. whilst behavioural work is all about understanding what you already have and learning better ways of getting what you want out of the dog in their everyday life such as toilet habits, calm walking etc.

Make no mistake that throwing additional information at your dog whilst he or she is not in a well balanced state of mind, is potentially very dangerous. I will not teach your dog to sit, fetch, give paw, catch a Frisbee or walk to heel off a lead but what I will do is to help you see your dog and their life in a different light to previous and improve the quality of life for you both/all and ultimately get you on the road to having a well balanced dog and a dog, that should you wish, could undergo training elsewhere at a later date.

## What is my aim?

10 years at the bottom of the ladder with regards to influence has seen me shouting and screaming until I am horse and here we are in 2014 and the issues I am currently trying to address are the same that were prevalent back in the beginning. It is time that I address the stray dog issues from the other end and if I can keep some dogs with their owner(s) whereas otherwise they may be passed on and find themselves in either rescue or as stray, then maybe I have put all of my knowledge and skills to better use.

I hope to help you and your canine companion soon.

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