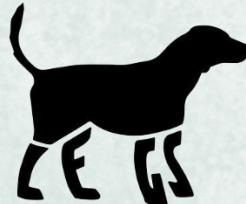


Meeting your dog's needs

Prioritised pyramid of canine needs



Learning Environment Genetics Self

What influences your dogs behaviour?

Learning

Your dog's learning history influences their behaviour. What they practice becomes habit, and if they have learned something works, they will likely repeat the behaviour

Environment

Environment influences your dogs behavioural choices and reactions. Set the environment up to help your dog succeed.

Genetics

Genes do matter, it is NOT 'all how you raise them'. Know your dog, know what they were bred for and work WITH them.

Self

Every dog is individual, take time to learn their preferences, strengths and weaknesses.

The things that happen seconds, minutes, hours, days, years or even generations before a behaviour becomes observable can influence your dog's response to a situation or event in the present. Meeting your dog's needs is a great way to provide a good quality of life, and helps prevent physical or psychological problems occurring.

What motivates your dogs behaviour?

Foraging / SEEKING

E.g. Searching / foraging /scavenging/ working to access resources such as food/water/shelter



Social / reproduction

E.g. affiliative behaviours to develop bonds, and behaviours increase or decrease distance between self and other beings. Defending social resources and relationships.

Hazard avoidance

E.g. Distancing self from danger or conflict, defensive behaviours, guarding resources such as food or shelter.

