

### **Mini Study 3: Effect of continuing training on behavior (including "Boot Camp" as an option)**

– many dog owners do not engage in dog training classes after puppy training and the ones that do sometimes resort to away-from-home training (boot camp). We contend that continued education/management of dogs and owners beyond puppy training is, in general, a good thing that will enhance the relationship between people and their dogs, produce well behaved and better trained dogs and reduce the risk of surrender/bites. We know dogs continue to physiologically, psychologically, and socially develop through to maturation at age 24 months. It is prudent for both owners to provide dogs mental and physical stimulation during this time so to ensure stable and well behaved behavior as adults. The lazy person's approach of having someone else do the work by sending the dog away will not be in the owner's (or dog's) best interests and may even do harm as hardline training methods are employed by many boot camp type trainers. We aim to establish the veracity of our contentions by means of this mini study to educate owners as to what is best for their dog.

#### **Questions**

1. How old is your dog today?
2. Did you acquire your dog between 8-24 weeks of age?
3. Was puppy training provided between 8-24 weeks of age?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No
  - c. I don't know
4. What style of training was used during puppy training classes?
  - a. Reward based
  - b. Discipline based
  - c. Mix of both reward and discipline
  - d. I don't know
5. Where was puppy training service provided?
  - a. Personally attended group training classes
  - b. Hired private in home dog trainer and worked with them
  - c. Outsourced professional boot/training camp services
  - d. I don't know
6. Did you continue training post puppy training classes?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No
7. If you did continue post puppy training, what style of training was used?
  - a. Reward based
  - b. Discipline based
  - c. Mix of both reward and discipline
  - d. I don't know
8. If you did continue post puppy training, who trained your dog? Choose all that apply.
  - a. Personally attended group continuing education training classes
  - b. Hired private in home dog trainer to work on behaviors with me
  - c. Outsourced professional boot/training camp services
9. If training was continued post puppy training, at what stage did you complete training?
  - a. Adolescence (6-18 months)
  - b. Adult (24 months)
  - c. Continue to attend classes (nose work, agility, other)

- d. Continue to utilize in home training skills and manage environment
  - e. Continue to attend classes and utilize in home structure
  - f. I don't remember
10. Does your dog display any problem behaviors today?
- a. Yes
  - b. No
  - c. I don't know
11. What behaviors does your dog display, select all that apply
- a. My displays great behavior
  - b. Attention seeking (barks and jumps for attention)
  - c. Pulls ahead on leash
  - d. Follows/shadows me before leaving the home
  - e. Fear of known people (family members)
  - f. Fear of strange people
  - g. Fear of strange dogs
  - h. Fear of noise
  - i. Aggression toward known people (family members)
  - j. Aggression toward strange people
  - k. Aggression toward known dogs
  - l. Aggression toward strange dogs