

Alternatives to 'Pack Leadership' and 'Alpha Dog' Myths Course Outline

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- I) Why do we need to talk about this?
 - A) Dominance as an explanation of dog behavior is pervasive in popular and dog training literature.
 - B) Some people have argued against this view for years, but the idea will not die.
 - C) Chances are you will have clients that have heard or believe that they need to dominate their dog or some variation of it. (Talk about being a good leader or boss)
 - D) There are alternatives and you can expose your clients to them and re-educate clients about how to think about dog behavior and dog problems.
- II) Where Does The Concept of Social Dominance Come From and What Does It Mean?
 - A) "Man has dominion over the animals"
 - B) Some have taken ideas from animal behavior and applied it to dog-dog and dog-human relationships
 - C) Some definitions
 - 1. Dominance
 - 2. Dominance Hierarchy
 - D) Characteristics of Dominance Relationships
- III) Research on The Social Structure of Wolves
- IV) Dominance, Leadership and Control in Dogs
 - A) Leadership isn't Dominance
 - B) Control isn't Dominance
- V) Consequences Of Invoking The Idea Of Dominance Unnecessarily And Inappropriately
- VI) Other Behaviors That Have Been Attributed to Dominance
- VII) Procedures Claimed to Establish Dominance, Leadership or Control
- VIII) Evidence these Procedures Have Any Influence on Aggression or Other Problems
- IX) What is Dominance Aggression?
- X) What Does A Dog Really Learn When ...
- XI) Talking to Clients About Dominance, Leadership and Control