

I was first told about Victor Rogo by our family veterinary office (North Fork in Auburn ). We have a three year old Border Collie/Kelpie mix named Molly. Molly has suffered with what we now know is separation anxiety probably from being abandoned at about two months old. All of the symptoms we have dealt with with patience as we were seeing a bit of improvement. However, one symptom was growing worse. Molly would whine, whine, WHINE. We tried ignoring her thinking the negative attention was feeding the whining. But after ignoring her for hours the whining continued. Inside, outside, in the car, daytime, night time, whatever time with whatever was going on. No matter how I spoke to her to correct her, instruct her to quit...it was of no use. It was so severe that we could not take her places or have someone come to our home to care for her in the rare event we were to be gone more than a few hours. Our only option was to board her if we were to be away overnight. She'd come home hoarse as she barked & whined the entire time she was boarded.

In December 2012, we lost our other 'best friend' at age 13.5 years old. Molly was devastated & missed BarLee greatly right along with us. The whining increased to the point that I was ready to leave home myself. I checked back with North Fork Veterinary Clinic for the name of the trainer. I came home & checked out his website. I was greatly impressed & slightly hopeful. Out of total desperation I called Victor. I explained the situation & without any hesitation he said he could 'train me' to stop Molly's whining. I immediately responded with, "Sign me up".

At the first class I'm sure it was apparent to Victor's ears within a few minutes why I was desperate for his help. With a repeated gentle pop on Molly's new training collar there was a marked difference by the end of the 90 minute class. Thank you Victor for being knowledgeable enough to train us by having the collar on Molly & not me. :)

By the end of the second week there was even more improvement. The third week Molly had digressed a bit probably because I hadn't worked with her as much during the week.

Victor was able to explain the thinking process of a dog, the important of our family being the 'boss', not the dog, so that my husband understood the importance of consistency & unity by us. So, in essence, Victor trained my husband too. With this part of the process learned, we decided to repeat the beginning classes in order for us humans to get better trained, thus helping us all.

Our twelve year old granddaughter attended & participated in most of the classes too. She has been delighted with the training by Victor. She has more confidence in her ability of working with dogs & has a better relationship with Molly.

As we went through the last class of the second session, it was easy to hear Victor & the other participants, due to almost NO whining by Molly.

Going for walks are now a real pleasure. We enjoy the family's dogs, Molly, Lucky (our daughter's fourteen year old Husky mix) & Rosie (our newly adopted ten year old Golden

Retriever) so much more. They are happier too. We can interact happily with much easier, less time consuming instructions that the dogs eagerly follow. Sometimes the hesitation on their part is because they know we've messed up. Golly they are smart!

Thank you Victor & Elmer (Victor's dog) for your expertise & caring. Thank you for the PEACE too. If Molly does whine now she is usually easily quieted by a mere "Molly, quiet". There is more positive verbal communication by Molly without the whining. She has learned to 'grin' thanks to the helpful suggestions of Victor.

We'll be back when we humans need a refresher course &/or for the intermediate classes. We have the barking issue, while we are away from home or away from the car, to deal with yet. We KNOW we can master it too, with Victor's training.

Sincerely,

Mark & Iney Fowler