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K9-101 Dog Training:

Over the years I have owned and trained three dog breeds: (Doberman Pinchers, German Shepherds and Rottweilers) using proven methods by the renowned Heinz Peters (now deceased). Even after years of experience and education by taking his classes and learning his training techniques; I've always seemed to run up against issues that some of my dogs have developed; either due to genetics, or the lack of "me" not fully understanding the "how" to redirect the dogs negative energy.

In August 2009, I felt the need for a basic obedience class "tune-up" since I was now the proud owner of a five month old male Rottweiler. I took possession of Kona at age eight weeks, after having him flown down from the State of Washington. Upon Kona reaching the age of five months, I felt that it was time to go to class, not only for the obedience aspect of it, but also the socialization he would receive by being around other people and their dogs; also, I needed that "tune-up!"

After discussing with Victor about his basic obedience (BO) class over the phone, I was convinced that I was going to be able to not only receive "my" tune-up, but also learn new methods as to how to better teach Kona basic obedience.

After attending K9-101 BO class I came away with a respect for Victor and his top level abilities as a professional trainer and his understanding of dog psychology. The time spent was well worth the effort, and Kona loved every session of class. As time progressed, he quickly learned everything that the class had to offer (upon graduation, Victor stressed that if we ever had problems or questions, to please call him for assistance).

With that said, Kona is now 12-months of age, and unfortunately has developed an aggressive behavior issue towards other people. Even though I took the time to socialize him in Old Town Auburn, he developed his aggressive behavior when in the backseat of my vehicle. Anyone who approaches within 25 feet of the vehicle will be met with a snarling, growling Rottweiler. This is NOT what a responsible Rottweiler owner or the owner of another breed ever desires.

I finally decided it was time to consult with Victor regarding Kona's issue. After consulting over the phone, Victor instilled in me that Kona's issue was VERY solvable! Believe me, I felt instant relief and assurance that I had not lost control of my dog and he would soon be emotionally stable with no negative energies!!!

I'm glad to report, that after following a few specialized training techniques that Victor outlined, Kona is now transitioning back to being a calm, emotionally stable Rottweiler. Without Victor's professional guidance and understanding of dog psychology, Kona would have continued to be emotionally unstable and a potential threat to others; this was unacceptable!

He is now on his way to being a balanced and happy dog. Thank you Victor for your professional understanding and knowledge of the issue, and your ability to redirect Kona's negative energy in a positive and assertive way.

Best Regards,

*John and Kona Squires*

*Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil: For Kona art with me;  
His courage, strength, and devotion, they comfort me.*