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“Edda” One Small Step a Day- Consultation and training against aggression of unknown origin

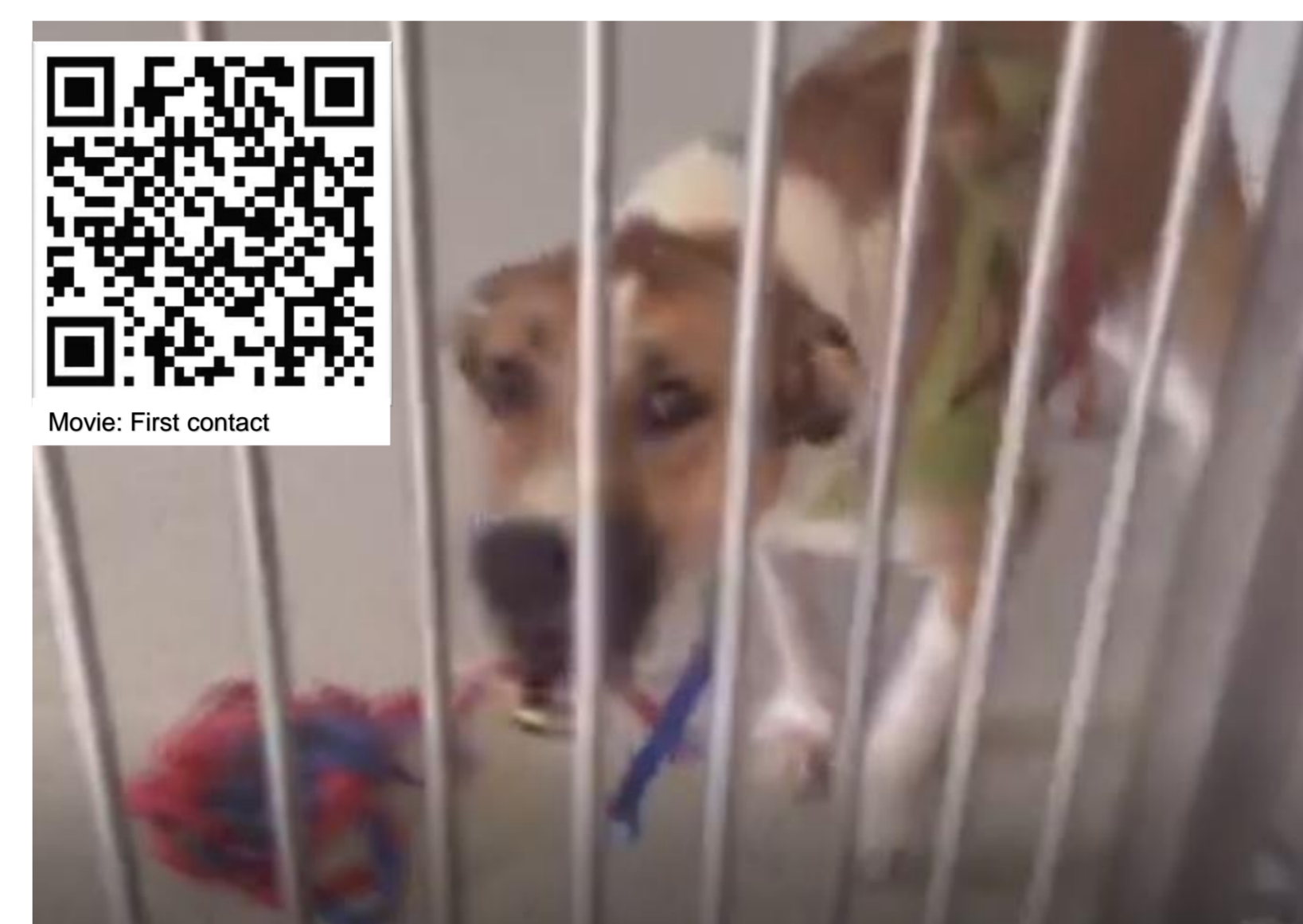
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A residential dog boarding school can be helpful for all participants. It causes less stress for the dogs and owners, promoting good results through optimized monitoring and training.

- 1. Introduction:** 12 month old Female Dog, originating from a Greek animal welfare center, which was returned to the organization. Reason: Aggression towards the owner and the other dog (sister). Acute problem: Has not urinated or passed feces since four days. She shows aggression against all persons and objects. She can't be fetched, and has already bitten the keeper.
- 2. Evaluation and training:** The evaluation is based on a self-developed concept using assessment criteria for guide dogs and assessment criteria of aggressive dogs. The training is a mix between desensitization and flooding. The aim is to optimize the behavior and rehome the dog.
- 3. Assumptions:** Breed referring issues (Phenotype-growing herd protection dog mix), multiple deprivation, aggression is intensified by people and environment, chronic pain after the neutering surgery.
- 4. Management and Training:** Short Term Goals- Therapy of the clinical problem, avoid triggers, avoid stress or pressure of success of strategy (not too high of expectations), optimize human reactions and training, and increase tolerance in various situations. Long term Goals: Build trust in a person, introduce and maintain rituals for critical situations, train to accept various dogs, implement general obedience, accept being touched by strangers to increase the chance of reintegration.
- 5. Conclusions:** Edda shows inhibited defensive attacks when she feels threatened. The triggers are: Collar contact, confrontations in or near the kennel (grid box was ok), another dog in the kennel next door or defending resources against other dogs. In the encounter with foreign dogs she shows anxious / neutral signals. Sometimes she plays with dogs she knows.
- 6. Prognosis:** Mostly, in her new situation, Edda is scared to a panic. In dealing with savvy people whom she trusts, she becomes increasingly secure through training. The training is not yet completed and will possibly last a lifetime. It is based on ritualized solutions for conflict, orientation and attachment to (reference) people. A training plan can be created in cooperation with a specialized dog trainer.

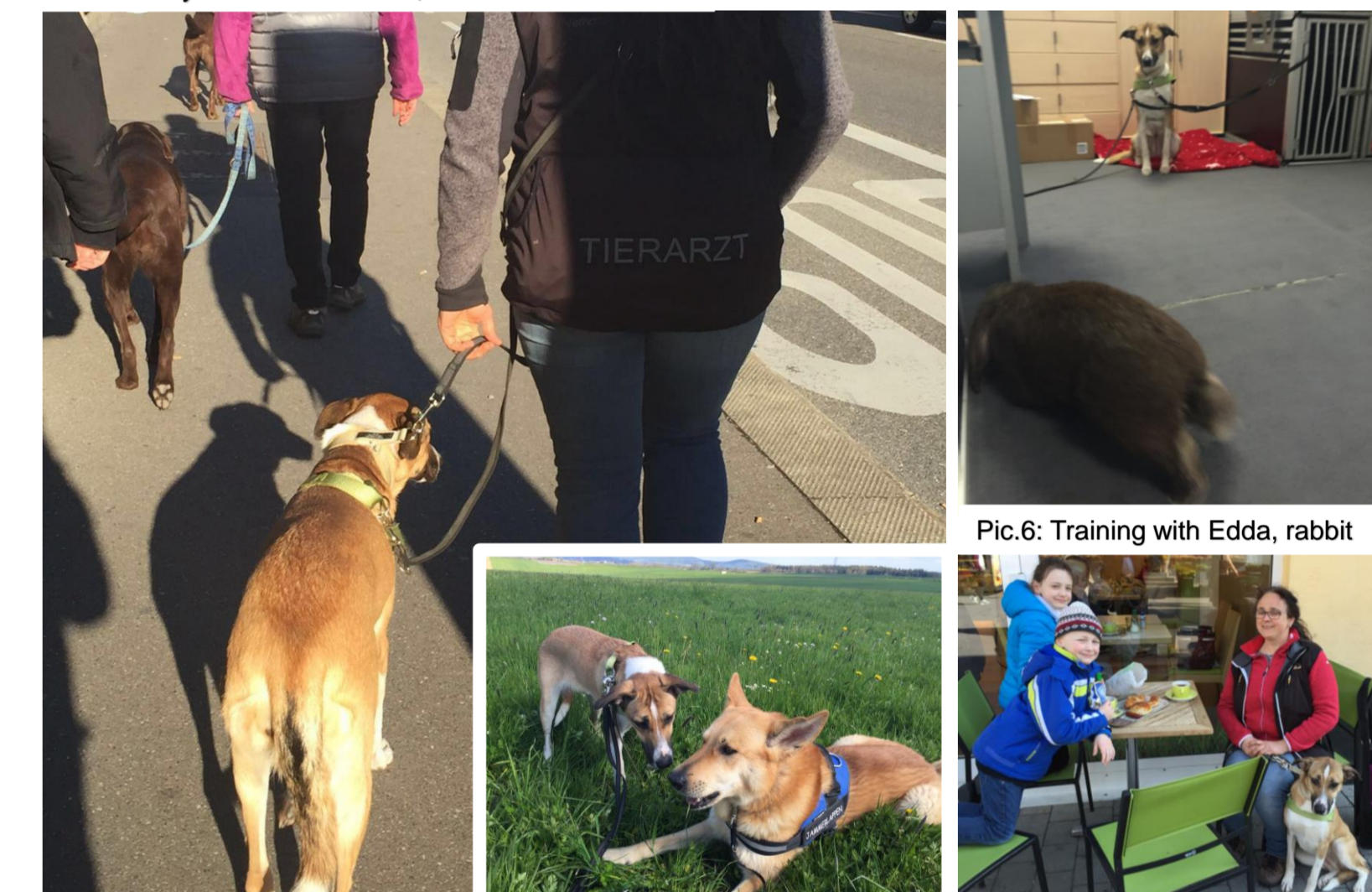
Literature available from the author: www.kynologe.de.



Pic.2: Edda in the Kennel, 1st day



Pic.3: X-Ray Abdomen of Edda, enormous bladder



Pic.4: Training with Edda, city

Pic.5: Training with Edda, new dog

Pic.6: Training with Edda, rabbit

Pic.7: Training with Edda, kid

EVALUATION	Start of training	End boarding school	As of March 2017 Rated by the organisation
Independence (Selbständigkeit)	3	2	2
Traffic safety (Verkehrssicherheit)	3	2	2
Garbage Eating (Unrat Fressen)	1	1	1
Going stairs (Treppen begehen)	3	2	1
Enter rooms (Räume begehen)	3	2	1
Escalators pass (Rolltreppen vorbegehen)	2	1	-
Getting on / off Transportation (Ein/ aussteigen Verkehrsmittel)	3	2	2
Get in / out of car (Ins Auto einsteigen/aussteigen)	3	2	2
Distraction in persons (Ablenkung bei Personen)	3	2	2
Distraction in dogs (Ablenkung bei Hunden)	3	2	2
Distraction in other animals (Ablenkung bei anderen Tieren)	2	1	2
Acoustic security (Akustische Sicherheit)	3	2	2
Optical safety (Optische Sicherheit)	2	2	1
Olfactory safety (Olfaktorische Sicherheit)	1	1	2
Heeling (Leinenführigkeit)	2	2	2
Bond (Bindung)	3	2	2
Orientation (Orientierung)	1	2	2
Recall (Rückruf)	3	2	3
Stay alone (Alleine Bleiben)	1	2	1
Stay position (Bleib Position)	3	3	-
Sitz / Platz / Steh	3	3	1
Person stares at the dog (Person starrt den Hund an)	3	2	3
Person strips the dog body (Person streift den Hundekörper)	3	2	3
Person speaks to the dog (Person spricht den Hund an.)	3	2	2
Person stumbles and clatters (Person torkelt und lallt)	3	2	-
Person with crutches or similar (Person mit Krücken)	-	2	-
Person strokes his back (Person streichelt über den Rücken)	2	1	-
Person strokes his head (Person streichelt über den Kopf)	3	2	2
Children pass by (Kinder gehen vorbei)	2	2	2
Known person does an examination (Bekannte Person macht Untersuchung)	3	1	1
Cyclist arrives (Fahrradfahrer kommt entgegen)	3	2	1
Jogger approaches (Jogger kommt entgegen)	2	2	1
Passing cars / trucks (Vorbeifahrende Autos / LKW)	3	2	1
Vacuum cleaner (Staubsauger)	2	2	1
Passing through a crowd (Enggedränge Gruppe durchgehen)	2	2	1
OTHER SITUATIONS (SONSTIGE SITUATIONEN)			
Resources Defense (Ressourcen Verteidigung)	2	3	3

Pic.8: Evaluation of Edda