

#### 3 Steps to Fewer Problem Behaviors

- 1 Prevent and recognize problematic behavior through careful monitoring
- 2 Intervene appropriately when problem behavior is identified
- 3 Consult an expert for guidance



# Minimize Problem Behaviors in Dogs from Breeding Kennels through **Prevention**!

- Breed for temperament as problem behaviors can have a genetic basis (e.g., social fearfulness)
- Ensure high-quality maternal care in puppyhood
- Provide appropriate outlets for normal behaviors
- Modify practices to minimize stress





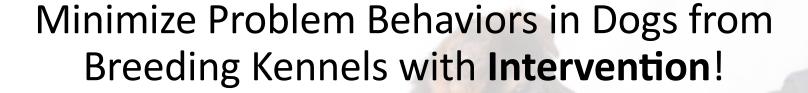
## Minimize Problem Behaviors in Dogs from Breeding Kennels with **Recognition**!

- Understand what is normal versus abnormal dog behavior
- Monitor behavior to recognize problem behavior early

#### **Learn More:**

**At-a-Glance Behavior Problems: Recognition** 





- Use only science-based humane interventions
- Use positive training interventions and tools

**Learn More:** At-a-Glance Behavior Problems: Intervention



# Minimize Problem Behaviors in Dogs from Breeding Kennels by Consulting a Behavior Expert!

- Seek professional guidance to address problem behavior
- Include new owner counselling and support services

**Learn More:** At-a-Glance Behavior Problems: Experts



#### What **Not** to Do

- Breed with disregard for temperament (problem behaviors can have a genetic basis)
- Fail to meet basic welfare needs of dogs (e.g., socialization, social interactions, enrichment, exercise, veterinary care, food/drink, sleep)
- Ignore behavior, missing early signs of problem behavior







#### What Not to Do

- Create fear, pain, or damage dog welfare
- Use interventions and tools that damage dog welfare (e.g., punishmentbased, shock collars, prong collars)
- Attempt intervention without professional guidance
- Disconnect from new owners without providing re-homing support

### FAQ #1 Should I keep dogs from engaging in normal dog behaviors that are undesirable to humans?

#### No!!

- Engaging in natural dog behaviors is critical for dog welfare
- The key is recognizing the contexts in which they are okay versus not okay for people
- The next step is to provide an opportunity for dogs to engage in the behavior appropriately
- For example, digging in a garden is likely undesirable. Providing a sandbox for the dog to dig in safely without destruction is a great solution.

#### **FAQ #2**

## Are abnormal dog behaviors concerning?

#### Yes!

Abnormal behaviors (e.g., stereotypies) are a sign of compromised welfare in any dog in any environment or situation.

Appropriate intervention is needed to address the cause of the behaviors.







#### **FAQ #3**

Are there specific normal behaviors that are defined as problem behaviors?

#### No!!

- Behaviors are not inherently problematic, rather, they are undesirable to a select individual in a context
- What is problematic is unique to each dog, person, and environment involved
- For example, normal puppy behavior looks very different from that of a juvenile, which also differs greatly from adult dog behavior



#### **Learn More:**

- At-a-Glance Behavior Problems: Recognition
- <u>At-a-Glance Behavior Problems: Intervention</u>
- At-a-Glance Behavior Problems: Experts
- Behavioral Indicators of Lack of Socialization in the Dog
- Overpopulation or Too Many Unwanted Pets?
   Perspective on Concepts and Management Approaches



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