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Protection Work Redefined:

The science behind directed canine aggression

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Opening Remarks

Though I began my training apprenticeship in the medical service dog world, my foray into protection training was not by accident. From the beginning it has been my mission to help more traditional correction-based trainers identify and utilize alternative solutions to an assortment of training challenges by introducing the idea of positive reinforcement. This was especially true regarding more traditional correction-based protection trainers who I believed would benefit substantially from the utilization of various scientific principles and tools to improve both their relationship with the dog they were training and the overall success of their training program. Due to my protection club's collective success in 2020, what began as a semantic and theoretical argument regarding positive reinforcement in protection training nearly a year ago has become (at bare minimum) a methodology worth exploring. – John Anthony Shapor, Founder of Redemption Road K9



A Note on Prong Collars:

We fully understand that, in the absence of “proven” alternatives, aversives will continue to be used. We believe that while the use of aversives may suppress underlying problems, that these “bad” behaviors are never truly “fixed” without the use of a more balanced educational process that includes positive reinforcement. Our goal is to, while more brilliant minds set out to solve the problem of the use of aversives, offer an alternative approach geared towards (1) understanding why trainers are using and recommending the use of aversives, (2) address those concerns while simultaneously changing the tools utilized to administer aversives, and (3) minimizing the use of aversives while increasing the utilization of positive reinforcement to offer our canines a more balanced and motivating learning environment. We invite participation and discussion about alternatives to the use of aversives, including but not limited to the prong collar and electronic collar.

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Protection Dog Defined



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Protection Dog

- A Protection Dog is trained to protect a moving subject, usually a person, through directed aggression and to disengage upon command
- It is not a guard dog, or an alarm dog or an attack dog
- Protection dogs have strong positive relationships with their handlers and their families

Common Breeds

- German Shepherd
- Doberman Pinscher
- Rottweiler
- Belgian Malinois
- Cane Corso

Protection Sports

- French Ring
- Mondio Ring
- Schutzhund
- American Protection & Patrol Dog Association
- others

Characteristics of a Protection Dog

Nature

- ✓ Prey drive
- ✓ Positive sociability
- ✓ Resilience
- ✓ Adaptability

Nurture

- ✓ Confidence
- ✓ Pack drive
- ✓ Defensive drive
- ✓ Environmental stability

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Fundamentals of Protection Training



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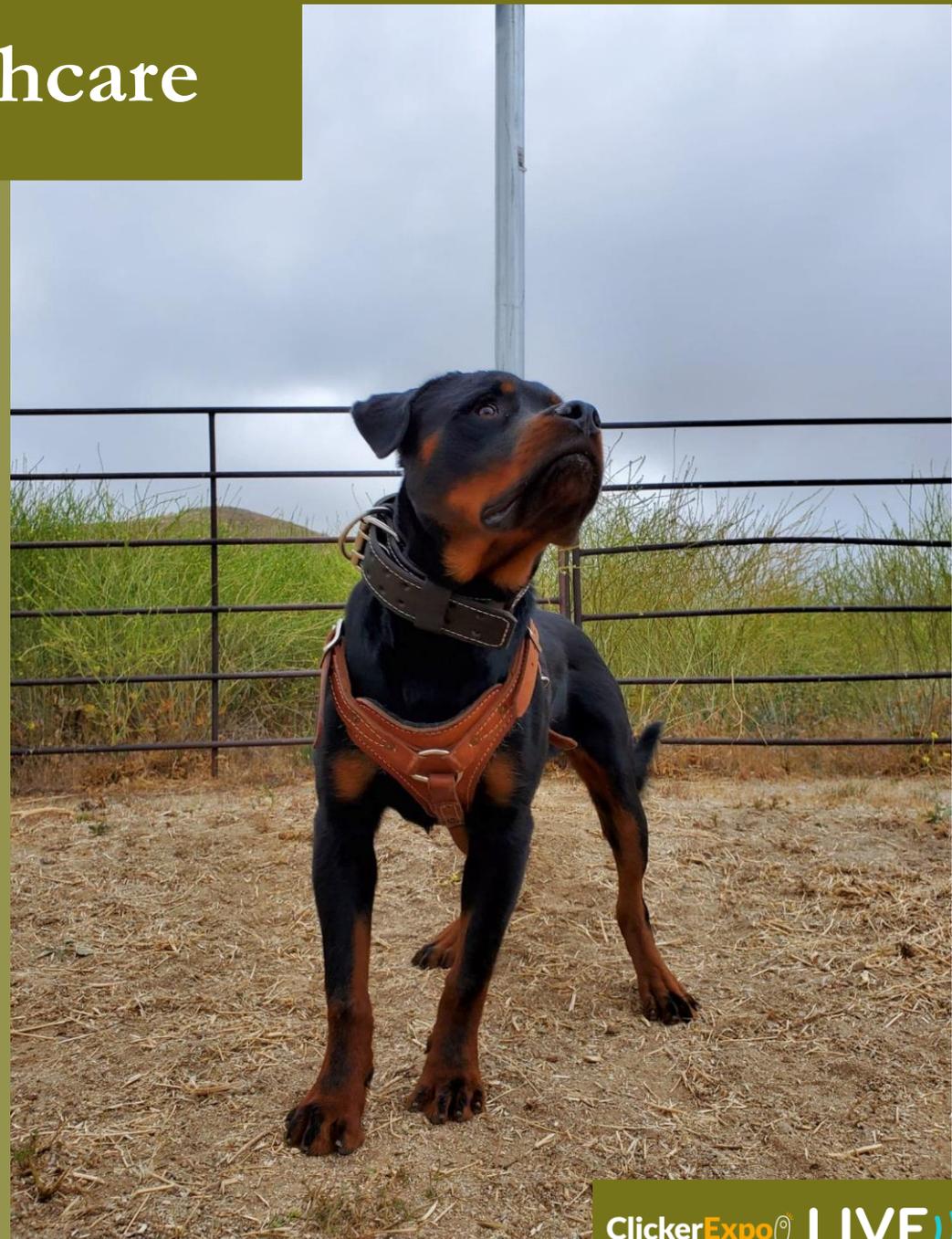
At RRRK9, our dogs adhere to the following total healthcare regiment:

Food and Supplements

- Kibble and raw
- Oatmeal and brown rice
- High calorie liquid
- Glucosamine
- Red cell
- Fish oil
- Di-Calcium phosphate

Conditioning

- Warm ups and stretching
- Canine hydrotherapy treadmill
- Red-laser therapy
- Mechanical adjustments
- Hyperbaric chamber
- CBD roll-on
- Canine Reiki



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Demonstration

Demo 1

Developing prey drive

Demo 2

Bite-work technique and proper targeting

Demo 3

The “out”

Demo 4

The full send-out



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Questions?



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John Anthony is the owner and operator of Redemption Road K9 – A Working Dog Company (RRK9). RRK9 is a top-rated working dog company based in Southern California that specializes in breeding and training working bloodline canines for Medical Service Work, Police K9, Search & Rescue, Agility, Personal Protection, Obedience and Competition. John utilizes mixed-technique methodology based on marker training and has revolutionized dog training by creating a comprehensive and scientific relationship-based curriculum that takes dogs from puppyhood to patrol and everything in between.

He addresses dog behavior, cognition and emotion through a combination of cutting edge tactical assessments, interactive games and critical analysis to obtain an in-depth perspective on how a dog thinks, sees the world, and its natural propensities for conducting certain jobs and types of work. He explores the dog's thinking, learning, and problem-solving abilities that influence much of its behavior to inform his customized curriculum for each dog that he works with.

John graduated from the Sirius Dog Training Academy Dog Trainer (SDTADT), is a member of the National Dog Groomers Association of America (NDGAA), a Certified Canine Nutritionist & Food Formulator and certified in Natural Home Remedies & Pet First Aid for Dogs & Cats.

John's certifications include:

- Dog Emotion & Cognition (Duke University)
- Animal Welfare & Behavior (University of Edinburgh)
- Certified Trial Decoy
- Certified Animal Reiki Practitioner (With a Specialization in Dogs)
- Certified Canine Athlete Advisor (CCAA)
- Certified Canine Athlete Specialist (CCAS)

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Donell “Sike” Watson

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As the Executive Director of Canine Epigenetics and Director of Protection Training, Donell Watson uses his knowledge of canine pedigree to select superior animals for use as breeding stock. He works closely with kennel technicians, youth handlers and veterinarians to ensure that dogs receive proper health care, exercise and nutrition during pregnancy and postpartum. His daily tasks include overseeing kennel technicians to ensure quality standards are met for activities including cleaning kennels, feeding, grooming, bathing, providing fresh water, administering medications or supplements, and assisting with birth. To uphold responsible breeding standards, Donell studies pedigrees, retains canines that are free from hereditary defects common to their specific breed, maintains breeding records, helps with breeding (e.g. artificial insemination), and registers dogs with the American Kennel Club (AKC) and other relevant breed associations.

In his role as Director of Protection Training, Donell cultivates a strong foundation in working breed canines to instill confidence, elite athleticism, and fundamental protection training concepts at an early age. All pedigree selection, breeding and training are documented and retained, and all canines placed at forever homes are required to sign responsibility pledges and uphold training requirements appropriate for the breed.

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About Redemption Road K9



Redemption Road K9 (RRK9) is a top-rated working dog company based in Southern California specializing in breeding and training working bloodline canines for Medical Service Work, Police K9, Search & Rescue, Agility, Personal Protection, Obedience and Competition. Utilizing cutting edge science along with decades of training experience, the staff at RRK9 work endlessly to offer both people and dogs another chance at a happy and fulfilling life. The RRK9 facility spans 10 acres, which includes the 38,000 ft² LUXOR K9LOSIUM training field complete with an agility course, sand pit, confidence cage, and agitation tables.

RRK9's signature program is its "Job Training For Juveniles" vocational program. Youth from within the justice system are paired with some of the top dog-training professionals in the world and are provided with opportunities for education, engagement and community partnership. This program is geared towards offering training and skills to instill leadership and strong work ethic to prepare these young people for adulthood while also delivering top quality canine companions to celebrities, champion athletes, Fortune 500 CEOs, and some of the most dynamic police departments in the world.

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