



Learning About Animals

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE FOR:

PHILIPPA SHORT



Dogs that Bite and Fight

with David Ryan

Date: Saturday 17th May 2014

Time: 10 am - 4 pm

Venue: Bookham, Surrey

This seminar was on the subject of David's new book, "Dogs that Bite and Fight" in which he brings together his extensive practical experience as a police dog handler and instructor, teaching dogs when and when not to bite, with his work changing pet and rescue dogs' aggressive behaviours.

Can we change dogs that bite and fight? Should we try? How safe are we if we do? How safe are they? Are some dogs irredeemable?

This full day seminar looked at why some dogs feel the need to bite and fight, how the behaviour develops; breed, sex and individual differences; how to prevent it happening in the first place and what to do when, despite our best efforts, it all goes wrong.

The speaker: David Ryan followed 26 years as a police dog handler and Home Office accredited training instructor with a postgraduate Diploma in Companion Animal Behaviour Counselling, with distinction, from Southampton University, an internationally recognised centre of excellence for animal behaviour studies. In 2008 he was accredited as a Clinical Animal Behaviourist by the prestigious Association for the Study of Animal Behaviour. He is the current chair of the Association of Pet Behaviour Counsellors and provides companion animal behaviour counselling services on veterinary referral and an expert witness consultancy concerning both civil and criminal litigation involving dogs. David has appeared in the internationally scheduled television series 'Crimefighters' focusing on his remarkable and fascinating work with police dogs, and more recently as a guest on the BBC 4 programme "It's only a theory", discussing how dogs have evolved to bark. His dog behaviour articles have appeared in publications as diverse as the Daily Telegraph, Woman's Own and Veterinary Times.

The organiser: Learning About Animals hosts events about animal behaviour and welfare with the aim of bridging the gap between academics/professionals working in the field and the people who can apply that knowledge to the animals they own and work with.

David Ryan

Suzanne Rogers: