

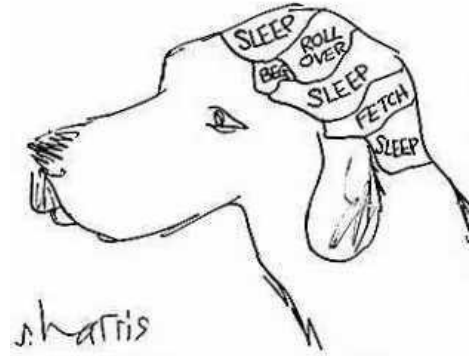


BEHAVIOR CONCERNS

GENERAL ADVICE

As a general rule of thumb for behavioral issues, it is always recommended to make a trip to the vet to rule out any potential health problems.

You may also decide to consult with a behavior specialist or trainer. Not all veterinarians receive training in animal behavior problems, so if you are interested in referrals for service, Charleston Animal Society has several training partners that provide personalized services in addition to hosting classes at our facility. Just give us a call or send an email and we'll do our best to match you up.



In some cases where training has proven unsuccessful in remedying a situation, it is helpful to note that there are many recent developments in veterinary medicine that involve the use of drugs to control behavioral problems. These pharmacological solutions can be highly effective, minimally risky and reasonably priced. It can be worth finding a board- certified veterinary behaviorist, after medical causes have been ruled out, to prescribe drugs for behavior problems that are continuing beyond other treatments / training.

While we are not attempting to be behavior experts, our behavior section offers some preliminary information on different concerns and potential solutions. There are things to try which can, in some cases, be quite simple yet effective. But we also recommend working with a certified trainer when at all possible, to learn the best methods to train your pets in a positive manner for best success.