



RBHOO GENERAL MEETING

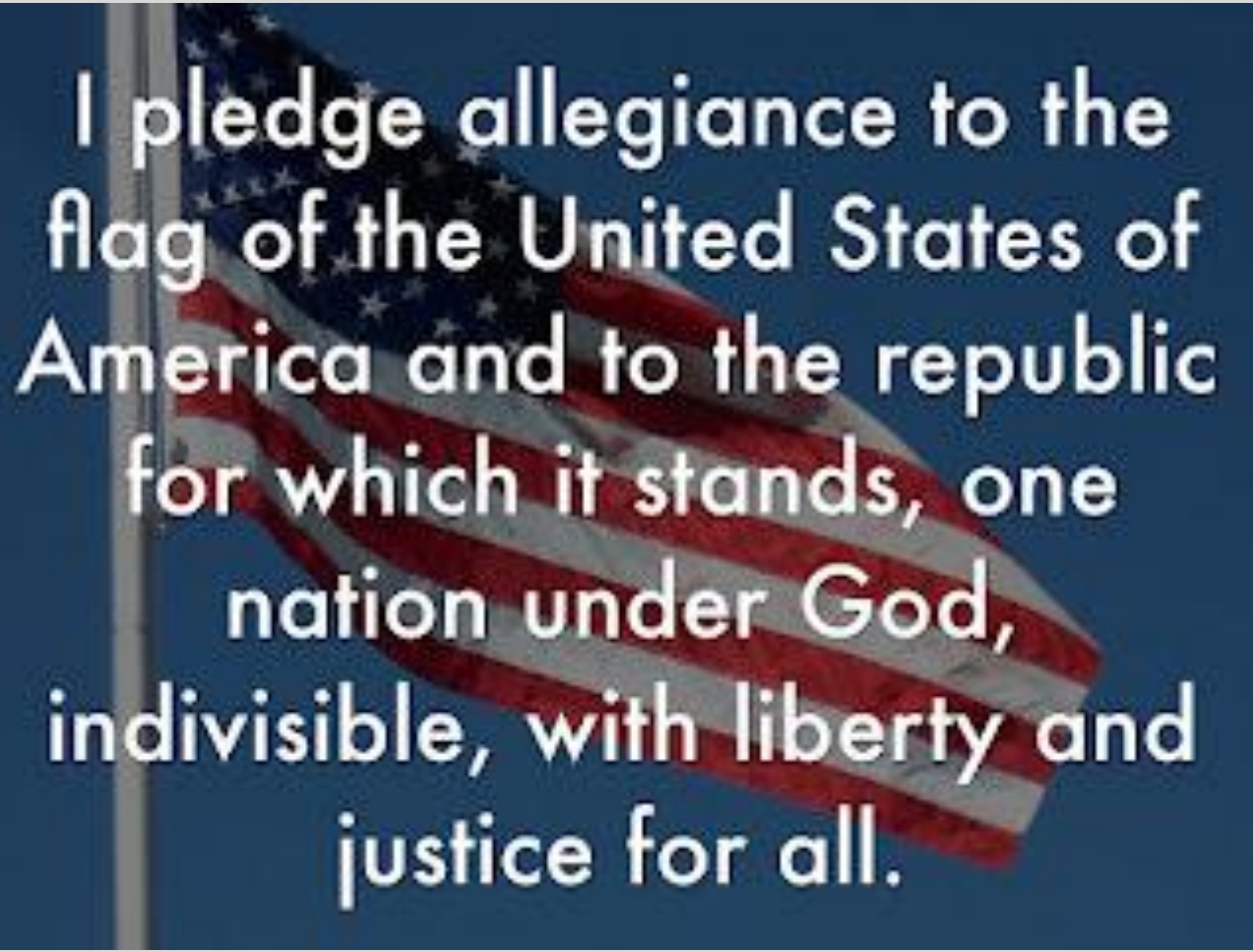
July 8, 2026

Agenda – Call to Order

- Meeting will begin promptly at 6:30pm



Pledge of Allegiance

An American flag is shown waving against a dark blue background. The text of the Pledge of Allegiance is overlaid on the image in a white, serif font.

I pledge allegiance to the
flag of the United States of
America and to the republic
for which it stands, one
nation under God,
indivisible, with liberty and
justice for all.



Before the Meeting Begins

**Be considerate and
silence your cell phone!**



Agenda

- **Old Business**
- **Education/Community Presentations**
- **New Business**
- **Upcoming Events**

Old Business

Secretary Report

- General minutes are housed on the rbhoo.org website in the form of a Zoom meeting.

Membership Report

- 2026 Members – 194
- 2026 Goal – 200

Old Business

Treasurer Report

- **Beginning Balance (3/31)** **\$ 7777**
- Dues \$0
- Other Income: \$0
- Expenses \$862
 - \$126 - Storage Unit
 - \$570.- Picnic
 - \$166 – PO Box
- **Current Balance (5/31)** **\$6914**
- Outstanding Liabilities \$2850
 - \$835 - CAC Remodel (member's)
 - \$835 - CAC Remodel (RBHOO match)
 - \$126 - Storage Unit
 - \$280 – Picnic
- Outstanding Deposits \$0

Save the Date

- What: RBHOO Chili Cook-off
- When: Saturday, November 14th
- Time: 2pm – 5pm
- Where: CAC
- *Vols not at home!*



Save the Date

- What: RBHOO Christmas Party
- When: Wednesday, December 9th
- Time: 6pm – ??
- Where: CAC



BARKING, LUNGING,
PULLING: TURNING
STRESSFUL WALKS INTO
SUCCESSFUL ONES



HI I'M BECCY

THINGS ABOUT ME

- BACHELOR'S IN SCIENCE
- 15 YRS OF ANIMAL TRAINING EXPERIENCE
- BEEN WORKING SOLELY DOGS FOR ALMOST 3 YEARS
- CONTINUING EDUCATION TO BETTER SERVE DOG'S AND THEIR PEOPLE



WHAT TO EXPECT

01

WHY DOGS PULL,
BARK, AND LUNGE

02

DIGGING DEEPER

03

MOVING
TOWARDS

04

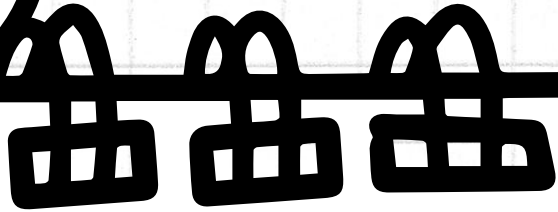
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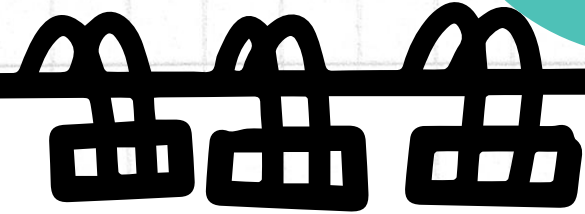
Q & A

WHY DOGS PULL!

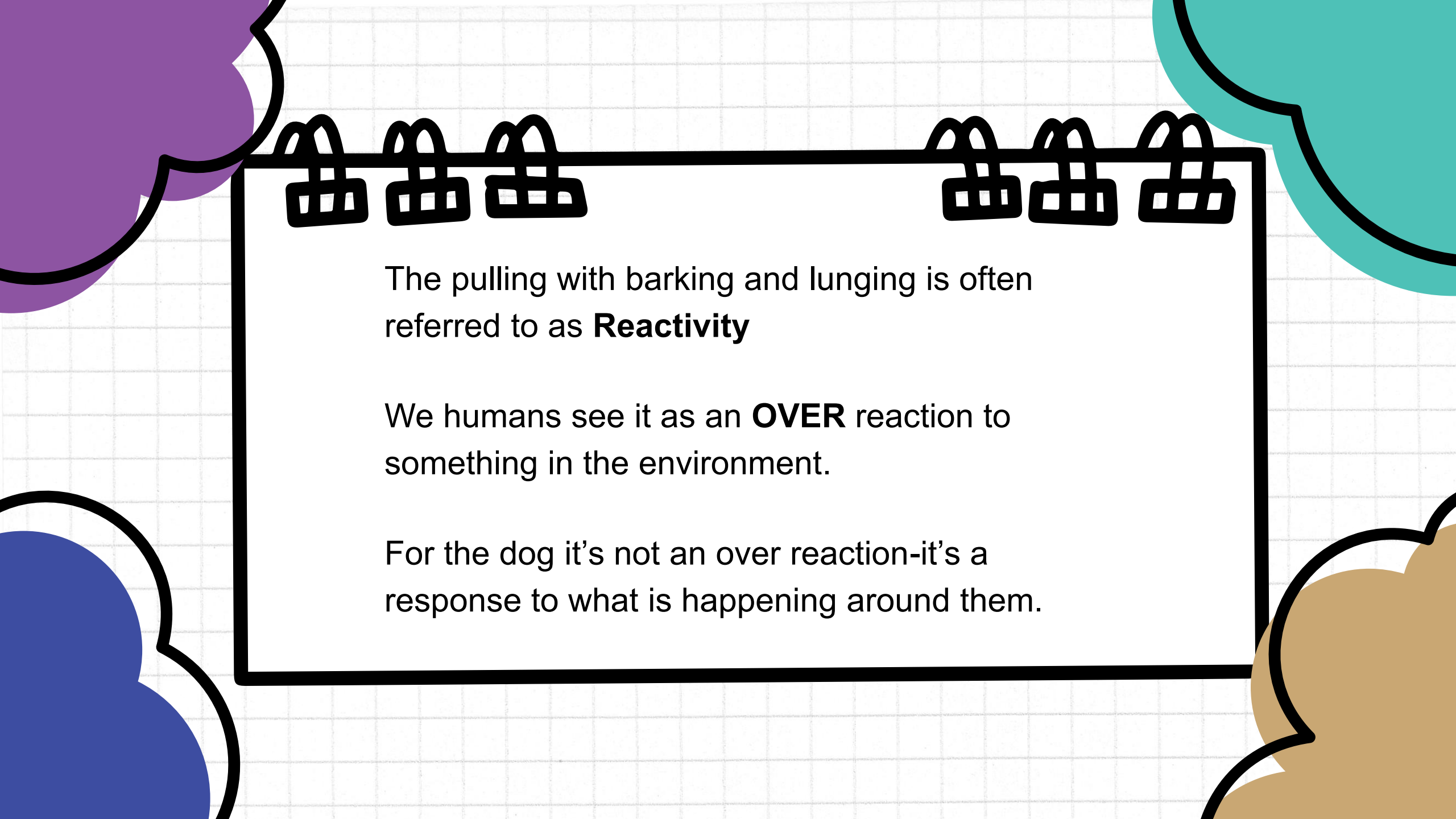




- They naturally walk faster than us!
- It can be uncomfortable to walk at our pace.
- Dog's don't typically walk in straight lines, they do lot's of zig-zagging
- The are following something like a scent or visual trigger



- They have lots of energy and are excited
- They might be afraid of something
 - Trying to create distance between them and the scary thing
 - They are trying to make that thing move away



The pulling with barking and lunging is often referred to as **Reactivity**

We humans see it as an **OVER** reaction to something in the environment.

For the dog it's not an over reaction-it's a response to what is happening around them.

LET'S DIG DEEPER!



READING BODY LANGUAGE



Tails



Face



Ears

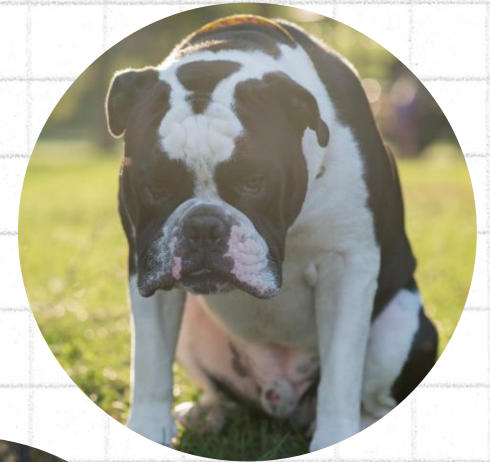
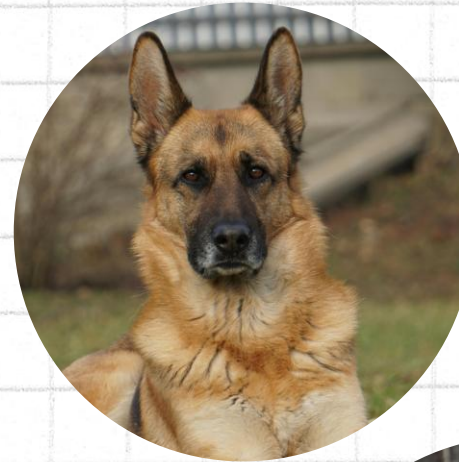
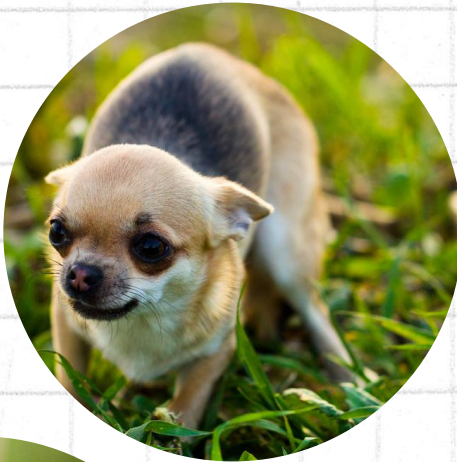


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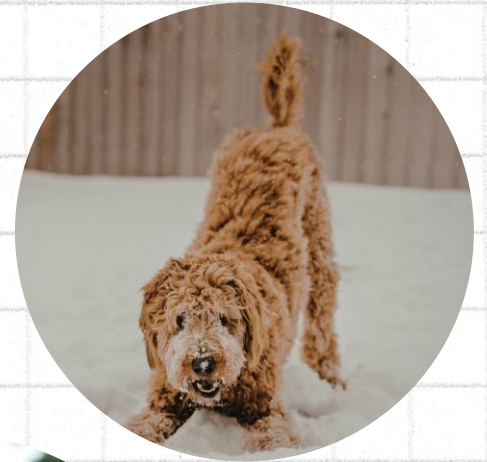
EYES AND MOUTH



EARS AND HEAD



TAILS AND BODY



BODY LANGUAGE AND STRESS

We can't ask our dogs what they are thinking or how they are feeling, so we have to learn their body language to interpret what their internal state might be.

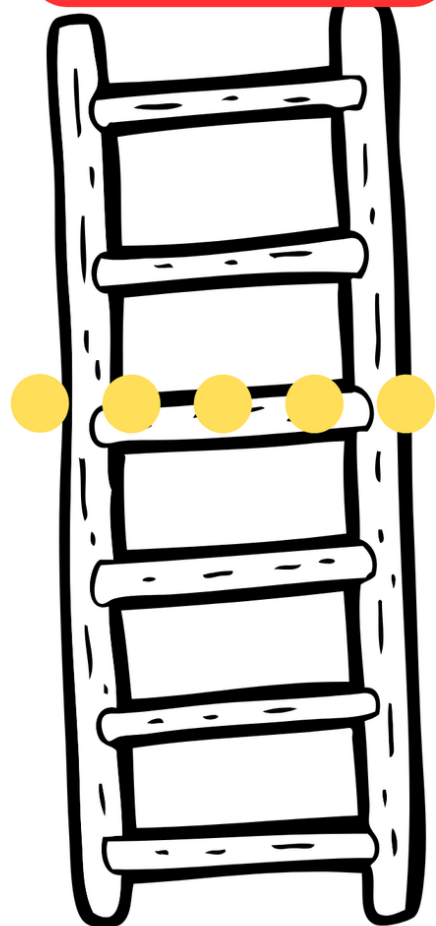
What does it look like when your dog is excited, scared, happy, angry?



What does it look like when your dog is calm, relaxed, sleeping?

Ladder of escalation and de-escalation

Fight Flight Freeze



Growling/Showing Teeth

Hackles

No longer neutral tail

Ears forward or back

Lip licks, panting,
closed mouth

Yawning

Eye's focused or relaxed

Head Turns/dips

Breathing changes

Body position changes

Sleep/Rest

Trigger Stacking and Stress

Overflows = Over reactions



MOVING TOWARDS CALMER WALKS

MANAGEMENT

The very first step in preventing unwanted behaviors from happening.

MEETING NEEDS

Everyone involved needs to have their needs met to be successful.

SKILLS FOR YOU

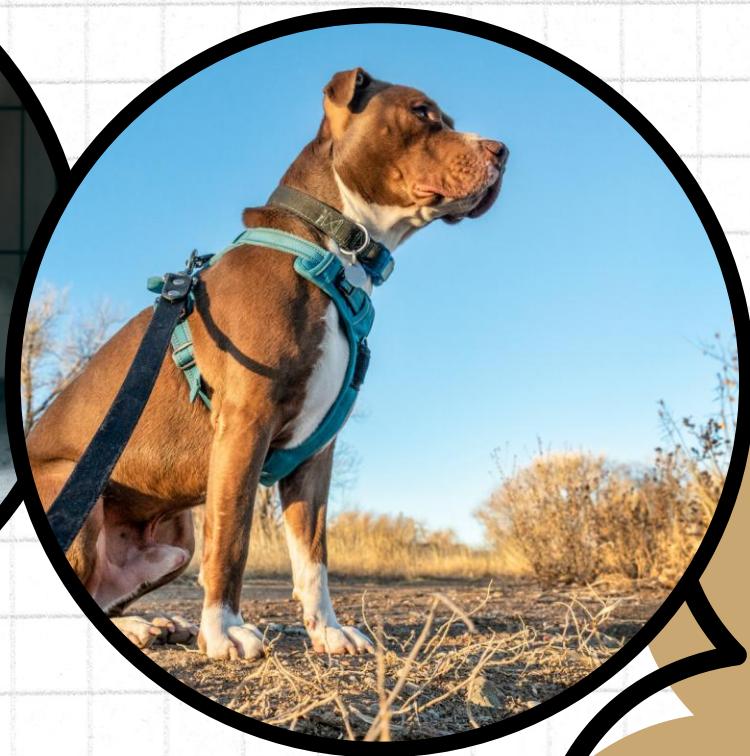
Setting yourself up for successful sessions.

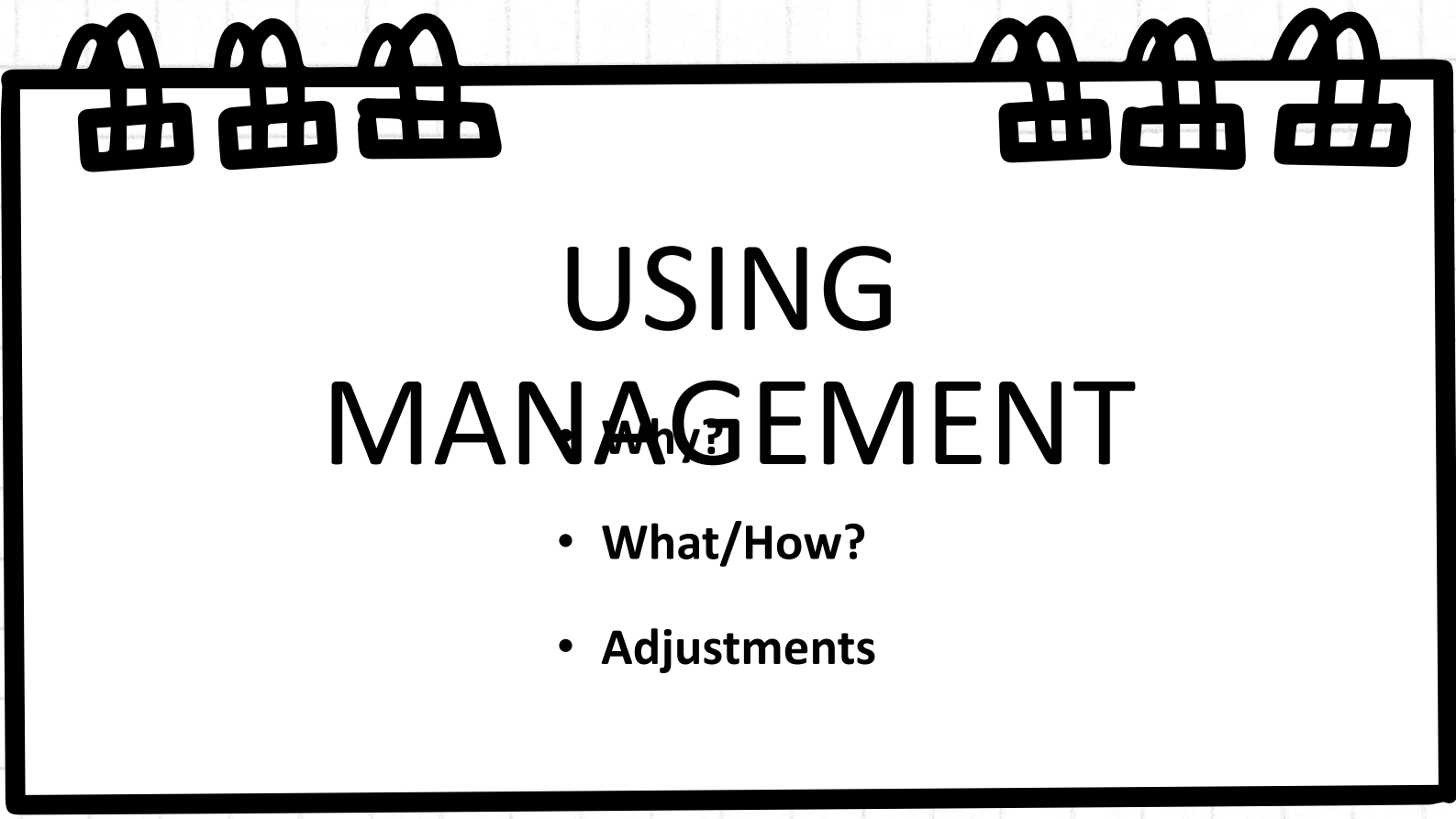
SKILLS FOR YOUR DOG

Setting them up to have great sessions!

MANAGEMENT

It's for now, not necessarily forever!





USING MANAGEMENT

- Why?
- What/How?
- Adjustments

MANAGEMENT OPTIONS

WALKING IN LESS
BUSY AREAS OR
LESS BUSY TIMES

CHANGING YOUR
WALKING
EQUIPMENT

KNOW YOUR
PATH AND LOOK
FOR BARRIERS

SHORTEN OR
STOP WALKS
WHILE YOU
WORK ON
TRAINING

MEETING NEEDS



Human needs
Dog needs



Health and Diet



Safety and
Security



Physical and
Mental Exercise



Species Typical
Behaviors



Calming and Rest

TRAINING SKILLS FOR YOU

01

LEARN BODY
LANGUAGE

02

KNOW WHAT YOUR
DOGS TRIGGERS ARE

03

KNOW WHAT YOUR DOG
FINDS REINFORCING

04

OBSERVATION!!

05

PROPER LEASH
HANDLING

06

GOOD COMMUNICATION
BETWEEN YOU AND YOUR
DOG

TRAINING SKILLS FOR YOUR DOG

01

CHECK-INS

02

MOVING AWAY FROM
TRIGGERS

03

OBSERVING AND
INVESTIGATING

04

SELF REGULATION

05

KEEPING A LOOSE
LEASH

06

GOOD COMMUNICATION
BETWEEN THEM AND YOU

PUTTING IT TOGETHER



WORKING WITH ME



Private Coaching-
In-home & Online



Initial
Consultations and
1:1 Sessions



Customized Plans



Check-in's
Between
Sessions



Positive Training
Methods



Judgement Free
Support



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New Business

- **Election Information**
- **RBHOO Activities**
 - **Document Shredding**
- **Community Events**
- **Legal Update**

Election Information

Governor

US Senate

- Bill Hagerty

United States House of Representatives

- Charles “Chuck” Fleischmann – (District 3 – Monroe)
- Tim Burchett (District 2 – Loudon)

Tennessee Senate, 5th Senatorial District

- Randy McNally (Loudon)

State of Tennessee House of Representatives, 21st District

- Lowell Russell

Election Information

Thursday, August 6, 2026 - Primary and General Election

Tuesday, November 3, 2026 - State and Federal General Election

Lawsuit Update

Lawsuits – Bankruptcy

- Engage website (Resources→Legal→SPC Bankruptcy
 - **Docket Report** – lists documents (by number) filed with a summary
 - Most relevant documents are on Engage website
 - **Schedule** – list hearing dates with relevant documents numbers

President's Opening Remarks

Lawsuits – Bankruptcy (documents on RBCAI website)

- 971 – Reorganization Plan
- 1013 – Disclosure Statement
- Hearing Dates

710	● Hearing	12/30/2025	07/16/2026 at 10:00 AM			Bauknight, Suzanne H.
1023	● Hearing	06/26/2026	07/16/2026 at 10:00 AM			Bauknight, Suzanne H.
	Submission					
938	● Hearing	06/04/2026	08/20/2026 at 10:00 AM			Bauknight, Suzanne H.
938	● Hearing	06/04/2026	09/03/2026 at 09:00 AM			Bauknight, Suzanne H.

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581	● Pre-Trial Conference/Hearing	07/24/2025	09/24/2026 at 10:00 AM			Bauknight, Suzanne H.
710	● Pre-Trial Conference/Hearing	12/30/2025	09/24/2026 at 10:00 AM		06/25/2026	Bauknight, Suzanne H.
725	● Pre-Trial Conference/Hearing	01/20/2026	09/24/2026 at 10:00 AM			Bauknight, Suzanne H.
761	● Hearing	02/27/2026	09/24/2026 at 10:00 AM			Bauknight, Suzanne H.
915	● Hearing	05/11/2026	09/24/2026 at 10:00 AM			Bauknight, Suzanne H.
945	● Pre-Trial Conference/Hearing	06/09/2026	09/24/2026 at 10:00 AM			Bauknight, Suzanne H.
1002	● Hearing	06/23/2026	09/24/2026 at 10:00 AM			Bauknight, Suzanne H.
1021	● Pre-Trial Conference/Hearing	06/26/2026	09/24/2026 at 10:00 AM			Bauknight, Suzanne H.

Lawsuit Update

Assessment – 20-489

- Notice of Appeal has been filed
 - Board deposited appeal bond with Monroe County Chancery Court - \$446,076.91
- RBCAI filed their brief on May 26
- RBP asked for 30-day extension to file response – Due July 26
- RBP asked for stay of appeal – no response from court
- RBCAI has 15 days after that to file response to RBPs response brief
- SPC did not file response or ask for extension

- *Expect Appeals Court to set oral arguments for mid-summer to fall*

Lawsuit Update

Partnership 19-943

- Tennessee Court of Appeals
- Oral arguments delayed till after May 28, 2026

Lawsuit Update

Lawsuit – 22-237 filed by RBP on December 5, 2025

- Basic premise of lawsuit is that RBCAI needed 75% community support to file appeal on the Assessment Lawsuit
- RBCAI's 'Motion to Dismiss' based upon belief that Judge Bryant no longer has jurisdiction
 - Case has already been appealed
 - September 17, 2026, for final hearing on case
- RBCAI file 'Stay Motion' as RBCAI filed their Brief to the Court of Appeals
- RBP file 'Motion for Summary Judgement'
 - Hearing set for July 9, 2026

Lawsuit Update

Lawsuit – 22-277

- Original complaint filed by RBP on March 31, 2026
- Remove Board President Rick Hoban
- Filed amended complaint on May 26, 2026
- RBCAI submitted response to original complaint on June 2, 2026

Upcoming Events

RBHOO Regular Meetings

- **July 8 – Ask the Trainer**
- **August 12 – Adapting to our AI World**

Upcoming Events

- **August 6 – Primary and General Election**
- **November 3 – State and Federal General Election**
- **November 14 – Chili Cookoff**
- **December 9 – Christmas Party at CAC**

Questions



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