

THE SECRET LIFE OF KOLE

SEASON ONE

Understanding Your Dog's Behaviour

Six Practical Lessons Every Dog Owner Should Know



Featuring:

- ✓ Sniffing & Communication
- ✓ Lead Pulling
- ✓ Zoomies
- ✓ Barking
- ✓ Tail Language
- ✓ Separation Anxiety

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Why Understanding Behaviour Changes Everything

Dogs are not “naughty.” They are communicating.

At PetGetaway.club, we believe understanding behaviour transforms the relationship between dogs and their owners.

When you understand why your dog pulls, barks, zooms, or struggles when you leave, you stop reacting — and start leading.

Because confident owners create calmer dogs.

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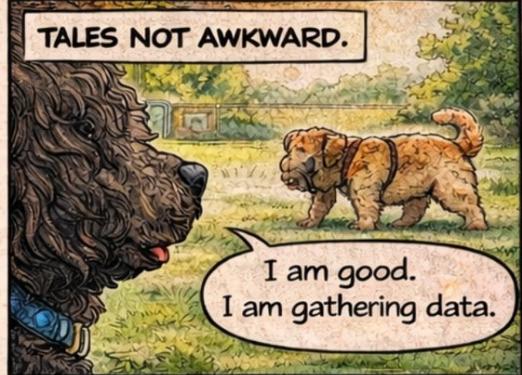
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ISSUE #1

WHY WE SNIFF BUMS

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(AND WHY GOOD HUMANS LET US 



NO LANGUAGE BARRIER

For dogs, smell is a common language.



WHEN WE SNIFF NEAR THE TAIL,
WE DETECT **CHEMICAL SIGNALS**
FROM **SPECIALISED SCENT GLANDS**.



IN LEARN IN SECONDS:

- ✓ Sex
- ✓ Boy or girl?
- ✓ Health
- Mood
- Stress level
- If we met before

WHY IT MATTERS IN GROUP SETTINGS

In structured boarding environments,
greetings are **essential**.

- Assess temperament
- Build social bonds
- Avoid misunderstandings.

It's not rudeness.
It's risk assessment. 



KOLE'S BEHAVIOUR TIP

Watch body posture, not wag tails. Loose= step in calmly.

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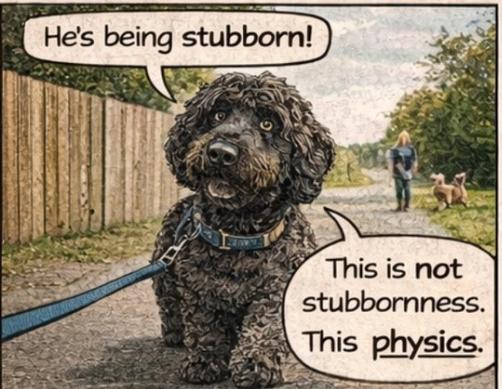
WHY WE PULL ON THE LEAD

(IT'S NOT DISOBEDIENCE)

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Most walks begin with good intentions...



This is not
stubbornness.
This physics.

THE OPPOSITION REFLEX

When something restrains us,
we naturally push forward.



When pressure is applied to my chest
or collar, my body instinctively
pushes against it.

WHY ELSE WE PULL

Also consider...

- Your walking pace is slower than mine
- The world is full of scent information
- Excitement increases arousal
- Forward movement is rewarding.

If pulling gets me where I want to go,
I learn that pulling works.

WHAT CALM HANDLING LOOKS LIKE



Tense lead –
dog's ahead

- ✓ Still body
- ✓ Resume walking only when lead loosens.

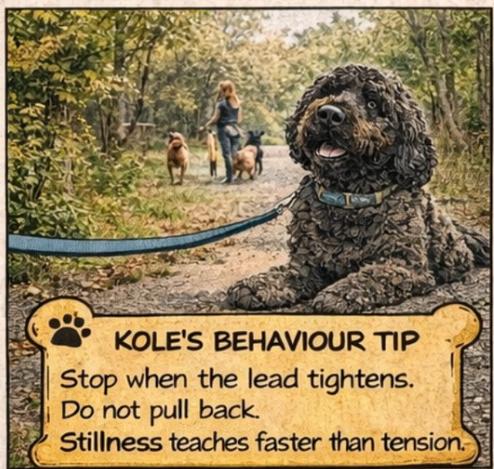
Movement is the reward.

Loose lead. Loose mind.



Loose lead –
calm by your side

- ✓ Calm silence



KOLE'S BEHAVIOUR TIP

Stop when the lead tightens.
Do not pull back.
Stillness teaches faster than tension.

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THE TRUTH ABOUT ZOOMIES

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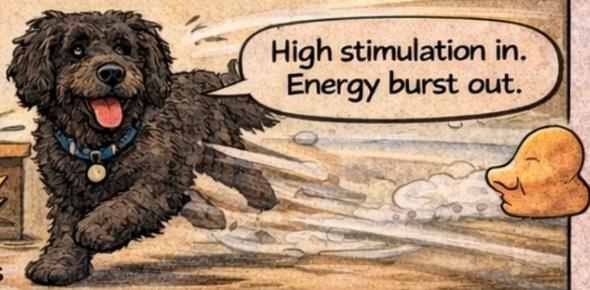
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Zoomies = Frenetic Random Activity Periods (FRAPs)

Zoomies happen when our nervous system needs to discharge built-up energy.

- After excitement
- After stress
- After a bath
- Before bedtime
- Young dogs with impulse control issues



When space is limited, it looks chaotic.



In open areas, it's just fast running.



KOLE'S BEHAVIOUR TIP

Zoomies are normal.
Redirect safely—don't correct.



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ISSUE #4

WHY WE BARK AT THE DOOR

PET GETAWAY

(And Why It's Not Always Bad) 

THE MOMENT



HOW HUMANS MISINTERPRET IT



WHY WE BARK



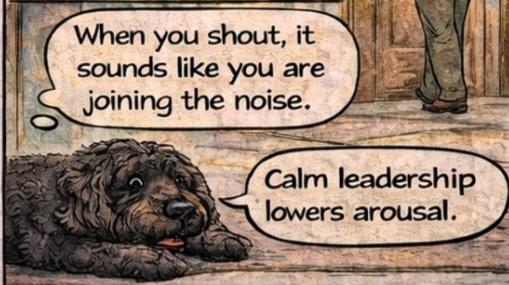
Barking is one of the few tools we have to communicate with humans.



The difference is duration and body language.

WHAT OWNERS SHOULD DO:

- ✓ Stay calm
- ✓ Use steady voice
- ✓ Acknowledge the alert.
- ✓ Redirect once checked.



IN STRUCTURED ENVIRONMENTS:

In structured environments, barking is acknowledged – not punished.



 **KOLE'S BEHAVIOUR TIP**
Acknowledge the bark.
Then lower the energy.
Calm voice – calmer dog. 

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WHAT TAIL WAGGING REALLY MEANS

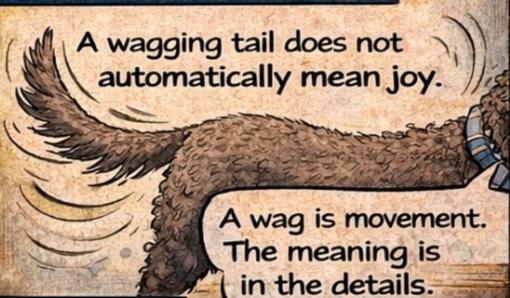
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(And Why it's Not Always Happiness) 

THE COMMON BELIEF



THE MISUNDERSTANDING.



WHAT A WAG TELLS YOU!



DIFFERENT TYPES OF WAGS



LEFT vs RIGHT



IN STRUCTURED ENVIRONMENTS.



 KOLES BEHAVIOUR TIP ~
Don't judge by the wag.
Watch the body. 



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ISSUE #6

WHAT SEPARATION ANXIETY REALLY FEELS LIKE

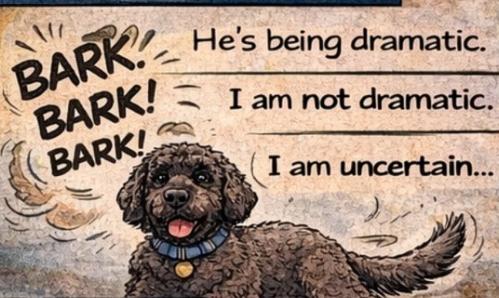
PET  GETAWAY

(And Why It's Not "Bad Behaviour") 

THE DEPARTURE



HUMAN MISINTERPRETATION.



WHAT SEPARATION ANXIETY IS

When dogs form strong attachments, sudden absence can trigger stress.

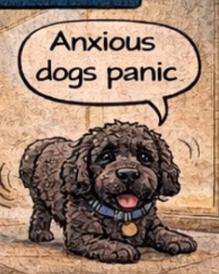


- Elevated cortisol
- Increased heart rate
- Vocalisation
- Pacing
- Destructive behaviour.



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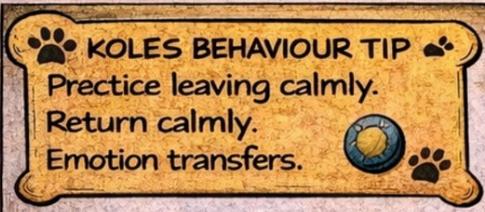
ANXIETY vs BOREDOM



ANXIETY

- ✓ Short practice absences
- ✓ Calm arrivals & departures
- ✓ Structured routine
- ✓ Safe environment

Predictability: lowers stress.



When you feel calm.
I feel safe.

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How We Apply This At PetGetaway.club

At PetGetaway.club, behaviour awareness is our foundation.

- Structured introductions
- Calm, supervised socialisation
- Predictable daily routines
- Reading full body language
- Supporting anxious dogs gently
- Providing safe outlets for natural behaviour

When dogs feel secure, they thrive.

Thank You for Reading Season One

Understanding behaviour builds safer, happier dogs.

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