



# BEHAVIOR DOGS

How To Get Them Out Alive!

# Learning from the Outside In



# Leveling Dogs and Focus on Resources

Most likely, you have more low hanging fruit in your organization than behavior dogs.

Low hanging fruit needs to leave urgently to open up resources for behavior dogs.





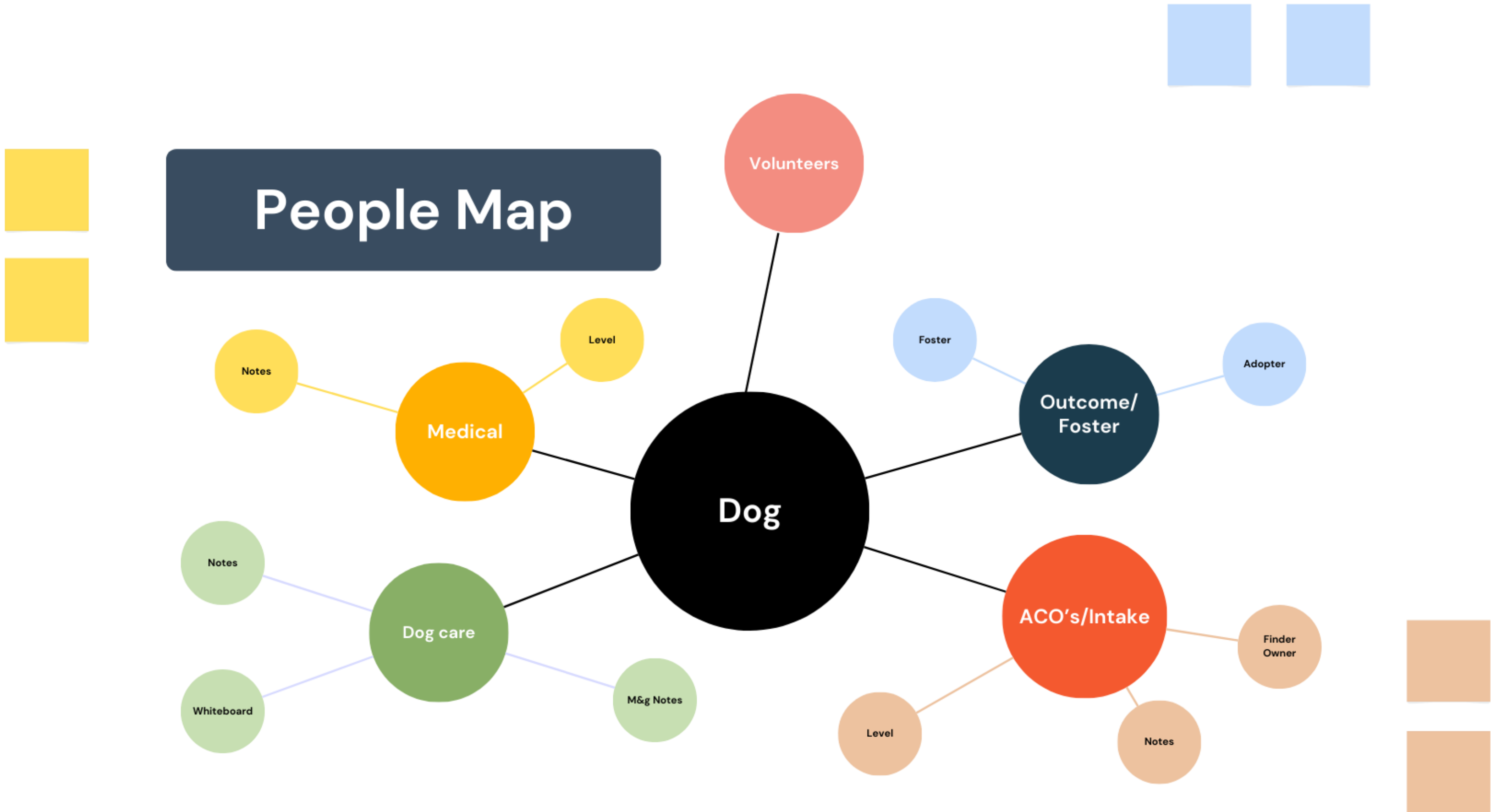
# Behavior Terminology.



# USE THE HIVE MIND



# The Hive



**Pre-adoption training required**

**HOME SETUP:** low traffic. would probably be best in a single person's home due heavy management/shared duties in a couple. House with fenced yard preferred due to dog/dog history and OLR. If in an apartment should be first floor, straight shot out, good visibility.

**FLOW COORDINATOR:** Sarah Turner

**VIRTUAL FOSTER:** Sarah Turner

**CGC/TOP TRAINER:** Sarah Turner

**BEHAVIOR TEAM TRAINER:** Thomas Brown (previously Aaron Caldwell)

**DOG:** 1-No dogs

**KIDS:** 1 no kids due to bite history

**CAT:** unknown

**HOME:** 5 house and crate trained. left free roam or crate when left alone

**FAVORITE ACTIVITIES:** swim, play fetch, ride in cars, go on walks, snooze, run

**SKILLS:** Sit, down, recall, place, ww/llw, shake

**GREAT QUALITIES:** intelligent, fast learner, enjoys working/practicing skills for treats, active, good home manners, does well on car rides, cuddly/affectionate when she is comfortable/knows someone well

**PREVIOUS HISTORY:** AAC space pull 8/2017, adopted 8/10/2017, returned 3/24/2019. Adopted from APA on 12/14/19, returned on 3/23/20.

**HOME HISTORY/BEHAVIOR:** Stella lived in her first adoptive home (8/10/17 to 3/24/19) and adopters reported she did well left alone free-roaming, was not destructive and learned basic commands and manners. Issues included increasing OLR toward other dogs and guarding of male adopter toward female adopter. They also described defensive/possibly territorial behavior toward visitors but also said Stella warmed up to regular visitors. They also reported RG/defensive behavior (growling) from her when in her crate, her bed or a place she deemed as hers, and over food/bones. Adopters reported growling over toys if they were on her bed or in her crate but otherwise enjoyed playing tug/fetch and would vocalize/playful growling while playing. At times greeted people with JAM/OA behavior-jumping, mouthing-in an excited, not aggressive, way. Incident leading to return-Stella was BR toward small dogs being walked by the window and was able to push the partially open window open further and bust through the screen, Stella ran toward the dogs but ended up just running right past them until a neighbor helped catch her. Male adopter carried Stella back up to the apartment and pushed her into her crate, and Stella defensively bit his hand and then cowered away and peed, bite did not break skin. Adopters traveled regularly for work and said Stella was boarded which was always stressful for her, and she started showing more defense toward staff around her kennel after the bite incident to the boyfriend. Second adoptive home (12/14/19 to 3/23/20) Adopter reported Stella loved car rides, very cuddly and loved snuggling on the couch and sleeping in the bed with the adopter. Adopter initially crated when left home alone and then allowed free roam and Stella had no accidents/destructive behavior. Adopter reported Stella was OLR to dogs and BR/OLR during doggy day care assessment and so was not allowed to free roam with the other dogs and did not return. Stella was able to be loose with the adopters' parents' small terrier for 2 days successfully after a slow intro at the parents' house. Initially showed RG over food but stopped when adopter implemented structure for meal times. Possible RG shown over chew toys though adopter's description indicated that Stella also growled playfully when the adopter was engaging her with toys. Stella showed some defensive/possibly territorial behavior toward a male friend who came to meet Stella and later dog sat her while adopter was away-growled/nipped at his shoes during initial meeting, went on tandem walk without issues; when adopter was gone she would growl at the male friend when in her crate but when let out loosened up and he fed/walked her without issues. Incident leading to return: Stella was tethered on a leash in the backyard when she saw another dog being walked by and lunged toward the dog, the leash broke and Stella accessed the dog and a scuffle ensued that was difficult to interrupt. The other dog sustained injuries needing stitches and dental care due to a broken tooth and Stella sustained more minor injuries-scratches to her head and gravel burns on back legs.

**APA! SHELTER HISTORY/BEHAVIOR:** defensive/shy/avoidant in kennel. gear only for friends. pulls hard without gear

**BITE HISTORY:** In first adoptive home-defensive bite to boyfriend when being pushed into crate. defensive bite did not break skin. 5/31/20-level 3 bite to PA's arm during intro in yard. Stella greeted PA in forward manner, putting her paws on her shoulders, PA said she heard grumbling and staff member bent down to grab DL and pull Stella away and Stella bit the PA. Stella appeared calm following the incident. 3/22/20-Bite incident to neighborhood dog while in adoptive home-Stella broke her leash and started a scuffle with the other dog, the dog sustained injuries requiring stitches and dental work due to a broken tooth.

**HANDLING SENSITIVITIES:** go slow, leave DL on, no petting

**REASONS FOR BC:** BR, dog-dog (OLR, difficult to interrupt in scuffle), muzzle for medical and in high dog-traffic areas, ,history of defensive bites, , fearful/defensive, use DL, RG food/bones/toys toward people and RG of space (crate, bed), medication for anxiety

**KENNEL BEHAVIOR:** shy, gear for friends, good KR/RKR

**REASONS FOR MC:**

**MEDICAL NOTES:** on medication for anxiety (fluoxetine and trazodone)

**SPAY/NEUTER STATUS:** Altered

**HEARTWORM STATUS:** Negative

**ADOPTION FEE:** \$160

**MMKL NOTES LAST UPDATED (DATE AND INITIALS):** ST 7/8/20

# How to Speak “Dog” to Humans

## Human Reference

“You know how...”

Host online events to connect animals with potential adopters.

## Dog’s Behavior

“Here’s what this looks like”

Implement technology for seamless and secure donation process.

## Management

“here’s how to handle it”

Engage local community with educational and volunteer opportunities.



Parachute's  
Matchmaking  
Language





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