

The respected WA dog behaviour consultant helps us understand our canine companions

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an owner's attention is a common trigger for aggression, start by reducing physical stimulation and adopt a calm, confident, monotone voice to communicate.

- \* **Excellent observation skills** Great timing and exceptional management skills are vital in order to pre-empt a fight and to reinforce good behaviour. If you're not being observant, your dogs learn that they're left to their own devices to do whatever they feel is necessary when in conflict. Do your utmost to prevent such scenarios from occurring.
- \* **Learn to "think dog"** Understanding your dogs' unique language will help you to identify the subtle signs they exhibit when they're stressed or agitated and give you a chance to curb any aggression. Become so vigilant in your interactions with your dogs that you can pick up potential problems and pre-empt possible conflicts by intervening quickly. To learn more about how to break through the language barrier between dogs and humans check out my popular dog body-language book *Watch My Manners*, which is available at [www.kathysdogtraining.com.au](http://www.kathysdogtraining.com.au).
- \* **Exercise your dogs** Physical stimulation has a significant therapeutic influence on the physiology

of dogs. It stimulates the production of serotonin, which has a positive mood-altering effect. Exercise alone won't stop the rivalry, but it's a positive step in the right direction. A tired dog is less likely to get up to mischief.

While living with multiple dogs can be extremely rewarding, there can also be a risk of serious injury. Certain combinations of dogs are dangerous. In fact, the friction between some dogs is so risky that they cannot live together safely under the same roof. Seek professional advice as soon as possible.

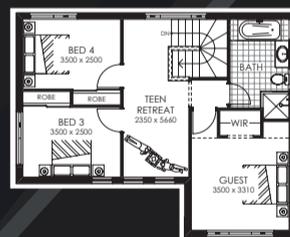
It's also important to have realistic expectations and understand that every dog is different and has a different potential for success.

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