



## Teach dog who's boss early on

How do you handle a dog that wants to be boss of the household? We just recently bought a 4-month-old from the humane society. He seems to be a very dominant dog. This makes him sometimes very hard to handle. Help!

Whenever a puppy behaves in a manner which is unacceptable to the mother dog, she will go over to him, put her mouth over his head, and her paw on his back. When he's down and possibly screaming as though he was being murdered, he will eventually relax under her paw. When the puppy no longer resists, the mother will remove her paw and walk away. She may then play with the puppy. Here is the dominance list: stalking, growling, snapping, biting, baring teeth to reveal incisors and canine teeth, assumes position with head over submissive dog's head, pushing with shoulder or hip, walking around dog, stiff-legged, head and tail held erect, stands on dog's back.

Submissive behaviors

Lowers front part of body, tail tucked under

Allows dominant dog to place feet on its back

Licks face area of dominant individual

Tail between legs, ears back, looks away from dominant dog

Rolls on back, remains still

Lays on back and sometimes urinates

These behaviors are ways in which dogs use their bodies in what we call "body language."

In order for us to live in harmony with our dogs we should become familiar with this body language and learn to use it.

Making your dog lie down on its side, with its head and hips touching the floor, is a great way of communicating to your dog what his position is in the family. This exercise is called the "dominance down."

Next week, Part Two: Letting your dog know who are head of the family.

Bev Cornell will answer your pet questions in care of: Ask Bristol, 33411 Grand River, Farmington 48335.

## Local club fetes gardeners with good neighbor awards

The Farmington Garden Club announces winners of its 1998 Good Neighbor Garden contest.

First place in the best general garden division went to Ray and Kathy Johnson for the garden at their residence on Bycroft Street in Farmington Hills. A large variety of perennials, shrubs and annuals displaying good design and color were cited by the judges.

Richard and Tina Jensen, who live on Shadowline Drive in Farmington Hills, won second place in the general garden category for their "very formal and neat garden, thoroughly done, understated in simplicity, which adds to the charm," said Dorothy Young, garden club spokeswoman.

First place for English garden style was won by Peggy Maggid for her Foresthill Court residence in Farmington Hills. The front of the residence is "spectacular with color, the rear of the property well done." Second place went to Carol Duffy, who lives on Oakland Street in downtown Farmington. The rear of her property features "a deep lot with a meandering

path through three sections of garden, enclosing a water garden and bridge," said Young.

In the water garden category, Natalie Lenkin clinched first place for her Tall Timber residence in Farmington Hills. "She looks down from her patio at her lovely water garden, serene, well planted with a waterfall. Very eye pleasing," said Young.

Best unique garden went to Christine Koski of Farmington Hills. "Her gardens are thematic from 'dogs little acre' to Dutch, Mexican and a water garden with an Oriental touch. They are all in their own spot," Young said.

Second place in the unique category went to Chet and Laura DeFore who live on Buckingham in Farmington Hills. Their country landscape featuring nice flower beds and design was cited by the judges.

The Farmington Garden Club meets the first Monday of the month at the Longacre House at noon. Everyone is invited. The September meeting will be Sept. 14 because of Labor Day. Call Dorothy Young at 615-3616 for information.

# All she wants to do is dance, dance

■ 'Doctors told me I'd never dance again. That was like telling me not to breathe.'

Krystle Richeson  
—Miss Dance USA

First time I had been in high heels and I had to walk slowly to cover up my limp and pain. When my judging sheets came back, I had to laugh because I had the highest scores in the evening gown modeling due to my 'controlled, well-paced walk.'

Krystle's foot is still dislocated, according to the MRI done on her foot, but she dances through it. This year she was first runner-up in the Miss Dance of Michigan pageant sponsored by Dance Masters of Michigan in February and first runner-up to Miss Star Power held in May.

She won the Paula Abdul Scholarship at the auditions held in March in Detroit, winning the right to compete in Star Performer of the Year in Orlando in July. She scored the highest for solo performance there and placed second in the Star Performer category. She auditioned for pop singer/dancer Paula Abdul and will appear in her next video.

Watch her Sept. 28 on ESPN and ESPN2 in a performance taped with Abdul and Gus Giordano. Giordano, the world renowned "Godfather of Jazz," had spotted her at the Detroit scholarship audition and asked her to perform at his Jazz Dance World Congress to be held in Phoenix Aug. 7-11.

Currently Krystle is touring Orlando, Dallas and Las Vegas with 119 other dancers chosen from across the country in the

National Power Pak Tour where she is getting daily classes with top choreographers Giordano, Barry Lather, Pamela Bolling, Karen Hebert and others.

"The level of training I'm getting, including audition classes with the Disney people and the Rockettes is valuable beyond belief," she said.

She trains locally at Julianna's Academy of Dance in Clawson. She has moved frequently with her family and thus has been to eight different dance studios including the Richmond (Virginia) Ballet, the ODU Ballet, and the Atlanta Jazz Theatre.

"Miss Julie is my mentor. We are so much alike in our artistic temperaments," she said. "She pushes me to reach my potential and will settle for nothing less than my best."

Krystle is an honor roll student at North, a varsity cheerleader and active in service learning, Spanish Club and other school organizations.

She was student council president of her middle school in Portage before moving to Farmington Hills in August 1996. She has performed in the last two musicals produced by Dean Cobb at North: in "Pippin" she was a player and in this year's "West Side Story," she was the lead dancer Velma.

She aspires to go to college at Northwestern, Point Park or Oklahoma City where she wants to major in dance and physical therapy.



Dancer: Krystle Richeson as she appeared last year during the Dance Masters Competition.

## WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS



**HORTON-MILLER**  
Mr. and Mrs. James Horton of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Deborah Ann, to Bradley Scott Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Miller of Brighton.



**MARAFFINO-DINKELOO**  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maraffino of Farmington Hills announce

the engagement of their daughter, Catherine, to Derek Dinkeloo, son of Valerie Derrick of Hilliard, Ohio and Carter Dinkeloo of Sandy Hook, Conn. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Harrington Institute with a bachelor of arts degree in interior design. She is currently employed with TMP Associates in Bloomfield Hills.

The groom is a graduate of the University of Michigan with a master's degree in architecture. He is also employed with TMP Associates in Bloomfield Hills.

A September wedding is planned at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Farmington.

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