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## Canine Connections ~ Good Behaviour Bonds



We now know that most dogs learn more quickly and effectively through positive reinforcement where rewards are given for correct behaviours.

Gone are the days of over-bearing owners shouting commands at nervous dogs while pulling back sharply on a lead that engages a harsh choke collar.

Reward-based training has lots of advantages, not least being that it promotes a stronger bond between dog and owner based on respect rather than fear. Animal behaviourists conclude that dogs prefer to know that their 'pack' leader is you as it takes the responsibility off them.

Reduce your dog's anxiety by becoming the 'pack leader' yourself and show that you look after them; the dog is not required to look after you. In her book, *The Dog Listener*, Jan Fennell describes four ways to establish your leadership:

- Be in charge of your pack reunion - steadfastly ignore your dog for the first five minutes after arriving home, (hard to do but it does pay off)
- Be in charge when visitors come to your door, even if this means putting your dog on lead or gently removing the dog from the situation.
- Be in charge of the walk (i.e. sit, stay, recall)
- Be in charge of the food – you always get to eat first!

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