

Sharon Yildiz: George Clooney must die! (the exchange)

The following email exchange took place on the 5 of August 2010.

The exchange took place between Sharon Yildiz, an “animal behaviourist” and the Let’s Adopt! Team.

We will refrain from making further comments. You can be the judge yourself.. it is an incredible exchange of emails...

SY: Sharon Yildiz

LA: Let’s Adopt Team member

SY: Hi Ivan,

I wanted to see what's going on with regard to Georgie's travel plans. You said he'd be with me 1 week, and it'll be 5 weeks tomorrow.

I exchanged a few e-mails with Georgie's future owner's daughter. She didn't seem to be aware of ANY aggression issues, and I didn't disclose all the problems yet. I only mentioned food aggression. Also, you told me the owner didn't have any other pets. In fact, she has two other dogs and two cats. She regularly takes all the pets to spend the day with her daughter, who has 3 dogs, and might also have cats.

As you know, **I whole-heartedly recommend that Georgie be euthanized.** He has been here nearly 5 weeks, and has been on a "status reduction program" (NILIF) since then. I have done numerous positive exercises designed to cure food-guarding. However, **Georgie is so aggressive that he has only been loose in the house for about two hours during the 5 week period.** (And even then, I had to put my pets in another part of the house). **The rest of the time, he is in our enclosed, screened balcony.**

- ***I can't give him rawhides***—he guards them and tries to attack if I approach, even the next day. Once he has anything to guard, I can't get his leash on him to go for a walk. I have to use brooms and baby gates as a shield and try to push the rawhide away where he can't guard it.
- ***When I feed him, if I hold his collar while putting down the dish, he turns and tries to attack my hand.*** I have to wear gloves to put down his food dish. This despite the fact that EVERY time I've ever been near him, it's only to give him MORE food. (The recommended method for curing food guarding).
- For NO apparent reason, he will attack my pets at random times. ***They're never in the house together, but see each other before/during/after leash walks.*** On leash walks with Savvy, Georgie will be walking along, then suddenly turn and attack Savvy for no reason. He has also tried to attack the cat several times—not a little chasing, but an all out aggressive, snarling attack with bared teeth.
- ***I cannot groom any part of Georgie.*** He growls, pulls his lips back, and lunges to bite me. ***He attacks if I approach with a muzzle.*** I can't even brush him lightly with a brush... or use a wet cloth to clean around his eyes... and couldn't dream of cutting his nails. ***The groomer said he was "good" at his grooming appointment, but I'm convinced that they must have sedated him for grooming.*** When Georgie lunges and tries to bite, I give a quick jerk on the leash. ***This makes him madder and he continues lunging at me,*** and often also attacks the leash.
- ***Because of these aggression issues, I have to make sure to keep anybody on the street away from him.*** This is not the desired type of dog that most people want to adopt.

In other issues...

- **His housetraining is okay**--only one accident on his balcony so far. **However, I wouldn't trust him in the house even for a few minutes.** He's constantly sniffing for something to mark in the house, and he has to be leashed and monitored constantly. **Outdoors, he cannot pass a car tire without trying to pee on it. I jerk him away from the car with the leash and say "no!"** However, despite having gone on nearly 200 walks so far—and being corrected every time--he **STILL** tries to pee on most tires.
- **Besides that, he is one of the very rare dogs that scent marks with poop.** He doesn't just poop like a normal dog. Instead, he saves his poops so he can place a small amount on every block of the walk. He backs up to a tall object, like a fence or post and tries to leave his poop high in the air. Most dog behaviorists feel that this is the sign of a dog with a very bad temperament. It also means that **I commonly have to bring 4-6 bags on a walk to pick up all the poops.**
- Training is going very slowly. Any other dog I've worked with (stray, rescue, friend's dogs, my dogs) have mastered **"sit and make eye-contact with Sharon if you want anything" in a couple of days.** Georgie took several weeks before he understood that sitting was required to get his leash on... to go through the doors... to get his food. **And for the first four weeks, he never even once glanced up to acknowledge my presence, and I had to accept a sit without eye-contact.** This week, he is glancing up very briefly. However, **it still takes him 30-60 seconds at each door to finally sit and glance up, so that he's allowed to go through.** I've never worked with such an unresponsive dog.

As a final mention, a woman came to the house yesterday wanting to buy an item from www.pozitifenik.com for a street dog she cares for in her garden. It turned out that she knew Tina. She mentioned a little dog that Tina had fostered, and I told her that I had that dog. She said she'd met him, and I brought him thinking she might want to visit with him. She was very hesitant to touch him, and mentioned that he had the reputation of biting or trying to bite nearly everybody he met.

So Georgie is aggressive with: caretakers, strangers, household dogs, and both household and outdoor cats. He attempts to mark indoors and out with both pee and poop. His only good points are that he doesn't bark, and he walks nicely on leash.

Please let me know what to do with him. **I hate investing time and energy (and raw food) in a dog that I would have euthanized about 4 weeks ago.** I'm not going to put him on the streets, but I don't know what to do. If we disclose Georgie's personality to the adopters in Holland (which we **MUST** do), they'll rightfully refuse to take him. I don't want him, and I wouldn't wish him on anybody else. **I would have zero qualms about euthanizing him, and would be fine taking him to my vet for that if you give the go-ahead. I figure he's had 3 months now of being clean, well-groomed, with frequent daily walks, training, attention, and nice raw food. To me, I would not feel guilty euthanizing in this situation. Let me know how to proceed,**

Thanks,

Sharon Yildiz

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LA:

Sharon,

Thanks for your note and sorry it has taken to long to organize this trip.

I will have George collected tomorrow from you.

Let's Adopt doesn't euthanize dogs just because they have difficult characters in the same way **I wouldn't expect anyone to euthanize me just because I am an asshole.**

I will call you tonight to organize the place and time to collect George.

Best

Viktor

LA:

Sharon,

Let me just send you back scerpts from your initial letter to me about George 4 weeks ago:

Hi Ivan,

*Just wanted to send an update on Georgie. **He's doing great. What a sweet little guy!***

*As soon as he arrived, I had a guest. **Georgie slept by our feet for an hour.** Then I put him in his "guest room" (screened balcony with baby-gate, and a big crate with the door open, and lots of toys) to get him used to it before I go away for the evening. He whined a tiny bit, but settled in and never barked. I didn't have any raw that was thawed (I had already given it to my pets when you called). So I gave him some Orijen kibble (75% meat, all organic), which he hasn't touched. However, he's certainly not starving, and could stand to lose a kg anyway. 😊*

*After my guest left, I introduced him to our dog and cat through the babygate. **He ignored the cat, so I let them meet in person. He continued ignoring the cat, and they even sniffed noses.** He and my dog are also so far ignoring each other through the gate. I plan to muzzle my own dog and take them for a walk in a few minutes. **My dog has a history of fighting when he first meets new dogs.***

*Georgie walks perfectly on leash. **What a gentleman! He lets everybody pet him.** We went about ½ km twice so far—he doesn't have a lot of energy for long walks. He also peed and pooped outdoors, and no accidents in the house so far. **I'm now working just out of his reach (other side of the babygate), and he's whining and obviously upset about not being able to be right next to me.** Being a bit apart from the owner is a skill that he needs to improve before leaving for his new home, so we're working on it...*

*I will discuss these emails to George's prospective owners this evening (Im copying her on this email right now). Knowing Dutch and Germans as I know I am sure she will have the same reaction and I am having right now. **I have never had ANY problems with our german and dutch adoptions, North Americans seem to be "trigger happy" to me.***

Sharon, just to let you know.. you would have, without a doubt, euthanized Simba, my old terrier, you would also probably euthanize Maxy, Fulya's 18 year old terrier, he pees on every tyre and tree he sees. You would also kill Peke, she barks and growls at people she finds awkward.

I have changed my mind about seeing you tomorrow. I don't want to encounter you face to face as I have an unpredictable temper. Instead I would kindly ask you to **please drop Georgie immediately at your pet groomer place, I will pick him up from there tomorrow morning.**

Im ccing Joanna Noot here. Joanna, I would please ask you to skype me tonight. but first please read the letter Sharon sent me re: George's character.

Best

Viktor

SY:

Fine with me. I prefer to work with rescue organizations that do not adopt out dogs that have bitten (multiple times) at least 4 people, 2 dogs and attempted several times to attack a cat during their first three months in foster care. This is not a "difficult character." **This is a dangerous dog that is a hazard not only to the caretaker, but to anybody who happens to cross him: human, canine or feline.** I sure wouldn't want to be the child living next door to Georgie's new home... or the groomer who has to try to remove his tearstains... or the guardian who has to try to reach down and take away some hazardous food item he has picked up in the street.

Just because he's small doesn't make him somehow "safe". Dogs as small as 4 kg have killed children, and while Georgie wouldn't go THAT far, he is definitely a lawsuit waiting to happen. Even the no-kill shelters I've worked with in America would euthanize any dog that has the biting history Georgie has.

I'll be working at home all day tomorrow—just give me a call before you come pick him up.

Sharon

LA:

Sharon.. I think no rescue organization would like to work with you after your emails. They would read between the lines and think... oh my!
Please drop George at the pet groomer. Ill pick him up tomorrow. I am going to skype with Joanna Noot tonight. In the future I would kindly ask you to refrain from contacting me, her or anyone I may have referred you as dog trainer.
You have completely blown my endorsement.
Cheers.

Viktor

SY:

Yeah, he had to settle in for a few days before his aggressive tendencies came out. I wrote that e-mail about 48 hours after he arrived here, but **the very next day was the first attempted attack on the cat.** After that, the floodgates opened. The food aggression began, including the thing where he brought his full bowl from another room, put it by my foot, then growled and threatened me for being "too close" to his food. Today was one of the many times I've tried to gently groom him, wipe away his tear-stains, etc. I just approached with a small piece of paper towel in my hand and he charged at me, snarling and lunging to bite me. I knew enough to have him on leash, which allowed me to hold him back and avoid the bite. But he was so angry, he continuously tried to attack me for about a minute after the incident... then turned and started attacking the leash. I couldn't even reach down to unsnap his leash until he'd cooled off for a few minutes. By the way, **he hates wearing any kind of collar/harness/leash, and has chewed through a harness and a leash that were left on him for just a few minutes while I was cleaning up something prior to a walk.** When he does this, it's not normal "puppy chewing," but a frustrated/angry slashing at the harness.

Of course Georgie does have many times he does NOT bite. Even the most seriously aggressive dog is generally fine 95% of the time. **I can and have picked him up, put him on my lap, weighed him, held his collar to momentarily restrain him from going to his dinner bowl. I have gently blocked him with my foot when he's attempting to run through the door. He hasn't bitten me in any of these cases, but I know he would eventually, if I did them regularly.** And he has bitten Tina, her husband, and Cenk for doing one or more of these things. I suspected an aggression problem from the beginning, because it was obvious to me that Cenk was afraid of Georgie when he delivered him to my house.

So while Georgie doesn't ALWAYS bite in a given situation, most of it is because **I'm a very experienced dog handler and don't "push his buttons."** I know when to back off and when he is going to bite. A less experienced person would probably get bitten by Georgie at least a few times a week until they learned to follow Georgie's "rules." For instance, **I wouldn't dream of reaching in his crate to get him, snapping on his leash while he's still a bit sleepy, trying to groom him.** These things would almost certainly cause him to bite, but a less experienced person would have no idea to avoid these situations. They seem perfectly innocent.

By the way, I'm not taking Georgie to the groomer, which is a 30 minute walk away, and whom I've only met the one time. I'll meet you at the door and hand him over, and neither of us have to say a word. Or maybe Cenk can come again, since he knows the way.

Sharon

LA:

Sharon,

I didnt know a dog was a servant to slaughter when he didnt behave the way you wanted him to.

You are completely disqualified to train or advice anyone about animal behaviour.

By the way, tell me which one is your vet that euthanizes healthy animals and I will deal with him separately.

You have done the worst thing you can do to a rescue dog.. instead of incorporating him into the family you have isolated him in your balcony.

I am flabbergasted at your "professional" performance. **That dog just needs a home where he can fit in, not someone with "zero qualms" to execute him.**

I am completely ashamed and sorry for having left that animal in your hands for more than a week which seems to be your "grace period" before you decide to end a life.

As I said, Simba would be dead, Limon would be dead, Peke would be dead if they were in your hands. Heck.. **most of the animals you see in our Success stories list would be dead but instead they are thriving in loving homes abroad, homes that understand them and are willing to work with them, to confort them, and make them part of the pack.**

None of our families rescue our animals with the aim of making them dance or turn around like puppets, they are rescuers BECAUSE they don't accept we have the right to kill, or

abandon, or make animals into submission.

Remember the story of Francesca and Brindi in Canada? the experts of the Halifax municipality decided the dog was dangerous when in fact she is just a normal dog.

Maybe you should go back home and apply for a job at Halifax animal control.

Kill them all!

Viktor

SY:

He sure as heck is when he bites or tries to bite almost every day of his 12 weeks in foster care. You are insinuating that euthanasia is some kind of “punishment” for a dog that doesn’t sit quickly or whatever. There is a big difference between “not doing what you want him to” and a dog that regularly BITES people and other dogs.

>I'll ask Cenk to pick the dog up tomorrow.

Sounds good. I'm looking forward to getting this dangerous dog out of the house, where he is a risk to the other three pets and to me.

>By the way, tell me which one is your vet that euthanizes healthy animals and I will deal with him separately.

I think nearly any vet in Istanbul will do this...

>You have done the worst thing you can do to a rescue dog.. instead of incorporating him into the family you have isolated him in your balcony.

Hey, not my fault—completely his doing. Dogs that bite me, bite my other dog, try to bite my cat (and would certainly kill the flightless bird if allowed near her) do not get freedom to go anywhere in the house. The other 4 dogs and 11 cats that I've fostered all had freedom in the house. Only Georgie does not, for all our safety. I am providing clean, dry, protected shelter (it's a screened balcony with a roof—like a sunroom)... a comfortable bed... attention (I'm a few feet away all day, and visit frequently)...raw food... 6-7 walks every day... positive training with treats. But I do not “owe” a dangerous, biting dog the right to walk around the house attacking me and my pets.

>I am flabbergasted at your "professional" performance. That dog just needs a home where he can fit in, not someone with "zero qualms" to execute him.

Good luck finding a home with no dogs, cats or people for Georgie to bite. Biting only strangers can be managed. Biting only owners can be managed. Biting only during grooming can be

managed. Resource guarding can be managed (somewhat). Dogs that attack other dogs and cats can occasionally do well in pet-free homes, though they still present a lot of difficulty when the owner wants to walk them. But Georgie is a dog that bites in ALL of these situations.

>I am completely ashamed and sorry for having left that animal in your hands for more than a week which seems to be your "grace period" before you decide to end a life.

Well, a week is all it took for Georgie to attack me, my dog, and cat; and for me to find out that he had bitten Cenk and bitten Tina and her husband and their dog on many occasions.

>As I said, Simba would be dead, Limon would be dead, Peke would be dead if they were in your hands.

Yes, if they are aggressive and bite people they would. If you find an aggressive biting dog and wish to assume the responsibility for their care, you are WELCOME to do this. I have no objection. But you cross an ethical line when head an organization whose policy is to adopt out known biting dogs. And even worse—to hide this issue from your foster homes (me) and prospective adopters!

None of the no-kill groups (or kill groups) in my cities in America adopted out biting dogs. Biting dogs are either rejected from the start, euthanized, or sent to a “sanctuary” where they will be warehoused for the rest of their lives. I wouldn’t dream of working with a group that adopted out known biting dogs. And I never would have had any association with Let’s Adopt if I had known that you did so.

Sharon

LA:

You are a great animal behaviourist Sharon Yildiz..

Next time I need a Parrot to play tricks I'll send him to you.

Well make sure the parrot doesn't bite anyone otherwise you'll make a soup out of him.

I wonder if you have ever turn an animal around... I really doubt it.

I cced Joanna in every email and will speak to her tonight. No hiding anything from anybody. I have have, never will. If anything I tend to be somewhat too transparent, as in this case.

And no.. **George will be adopted out in a home with animals.**

Unbelievable... really unbelievable...

Viktor

SY:

So Ivan, you are willing to risk the health, safety, and psychological health of Johanna's other dogs and cats? You're willing to risk her safety and that of her relatives, visitors, neighbors, and people that she and Georgie meets on the street? How generous of you!

Hmmmm. I guess the following people would be welcome to move into your house and spend time alone with your girlfriend, too? All they need is a little "understanding" and the chance to be "part of the family":

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ted_Bundy

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jeffrey_Dahmer

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Wayne_Gacy

<http://www.miamibeach411.com/news/index.php?/news/comments/serial-cat-killer/>

Or... if killers are a bit too strong, how about:

<http://www.kilkennypeople.ie/news/Threeyear-suspended-sentence-for-multiple-6280361.jp>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_and_Lorena_Bobbitt

How is it in your world that people like prospective adopters, dog trainers, or anybody who disagrees with your opinions is "evil"? But a vicious dog is somehow an "angel" who deserves nothing but admiration and love?

I like friendly people, and I like friendly dogs. I don't like dangerous, aggressive people that shoot or stab innocent people/animals, and I don't invite these people to stay with me in my home. Likewise, I don't like dogs that bite multiple people/animals, and I don't want them to stay with me in my home, either. This is particularly true if I have no existing attachment or history with the person or the dog. **If the serial killer is my son**, I may be willing to have him in my home. If the biting dog grew up with me and has a history with me, I might put up with him too. **But I will not invite either serial killers** or biting dogs to walk freely around my home without that attachment.

As a dog behaviorist, I was happy to work with people who already owned biting dogs and wanted to improve the situation. But I find it highly unethical to adopt out a dog that is known to be seriously aggressive when millions of young, friendly, healthy, totally non-aggressive dogs are being euthanized. I owe something to dogs, but I also owe something to their prospective adopters. I am not going to give a biting dog 100% of my compassion, while giving 0% to the poor person who adopts the dog and is sure to be bitten.

If Johanna wants to help a needy Turkish dog, I would be happy to pick out one from the shelter that is going to be killed. **I would pick a beautiful, young, healthy and FRIENDLY dog that**

will be a joy to her every day of her life. A dog she can be proud to show her friends and family. A dog that can be trusted not to bite when you need to brush his hair, take something out of his mouth, or wipe a tear-stain from his eye. A dog that is responsive and respectful towards humans, and friendly with other pets.

When dogs like this are being killed here every day, how can you try to "guilt trip" somebody into taking a dangerous dog that will be a legal liability? A dog that is constantly on the alert for things he doesn't like, and that bites if humans or other pets attempt to do these things. **I do have pity on this dog, and regret that he was kept in such terrible conditions for years. This has been corrected, and he has experienced 3 months of excellent care, good grooming and food, petting, etc.** As mentioned before, **I would have zero guilt in euthanizing him, knowing that he is a dangerous animal, and knowing that he has at least had a few months of good care before he died.**

If you are against euthanizing dangerous dogs, I suggest you keep him yourself rather than foisting him off on an innocent third party

Sharon

LA:

Yes.. this is precisely what I am going to do Sharon.
I will take him myself to my home, where I have 21 cats and two dogs, some of which as snappy and guard food but guess what?
Nobody dies here..
No snappy terrier is killed on my watch.
You are a failed professional Sharon.. and the typical reactions of failed professionals is to kill and try to hide their failures.
Ted Bundy.. Jeffrey Dammer... what a fucking idiot!

LA:

Sharon,

I have been a silent party to this incredulous conversation but no more. **I am totally outraged by the perfect ease you speak about killing a dog because you were incapable of making him feel safe.** There are massive pit bulls and Dogo Argentino's, trained to kill humans and dogs, and basically anything that moves, who are trained to have babies sleep on their bellies.

It seems to me that you couldn't manage this dog properly (get some lessons from Cesar Milan before it is too late) and you decided to kill the little guy whom you called a "perfect

gentleman" just a month ago, the dog who slept on your feet upon his arrival.

Maybe in your country you kill disobedient dogs but we don't do that here. Despite all our shortcomings we are clearly much more civilized bunch than you personally can ever hope to be.

Continue teaching dogs how to dance... This is all you are good at.

I will do my very best to discredit you as a trainer at every opportunity and the emails you have sent are enough evidence to do that. You are a disgrace to your profession. If you have a license I will make sure it is revoked. If you have anybody taking their poor dogs to you I will make sure they know what and who you are. And, comparing Georgie to Ted Bundy? You are clearly ill and should take a long long break before you kill any animals.

If I find out that you facilitate the death of any animals, that you advice your unfortunate customers to kill their dogs, if I hear that your vet (!) does your dirty work for you I will first take his clinic and his career down and then I will have you deported for practicing out of the animal protection laws of this country.

You better watch your every move, Sharon. This is no joke. I will not let you kill the dogs that are entrusted to you. My lawyer will deal with you from now on.

Fulya Ulusoy

LA:

Hi Sharon,

First I want to correct something, **George didn't bite me.** When I entered Tina's garden, he came down and made me stay where I am as I was a stranger. Tine came 1 minute later, introduced me to George and we got inside the house, I gave him biscuit. **He was free in the house with Tina's dog, I gave the other dog a biscuit too, George had no problem with that too.**

When I went to shelter to pick up George for the first time he was in a great TRAUMA in a cage. You cannot believe what they do to the dogs in Hasdal... **When I take George to my car, I put him next to the second Let's Adopt Rescue named "Monica" As Monica was a calm dog, in half an hour ride they sit at the back happily.**

Our Professional Vet. Evrim was warned by me that George was in a great travma, he just took his hand to his mouth and said "ok bite me if you want" ... **George didn't bite through all the treatment, because he was out of the hell and felt safe for the first time and he was treated well.**

I'm not a professional, just a below average guy about dog behavior, so I cannot comment about George's behavior. If I say that George cannot be trained or very dangerous dog no-one will

take this seriously. **What disturbed me is that you are a professional trainer and people believe in your word and when you say that this dog should be put to sleep, people will do what you say.** But how can you come to this point, maybe you are doing something wrong and some one else would train his behaviour. In that case you would kill an innocent dog that you can't deal with his attitude.

I would expect you to say that you were not successful with George and someone else should help him... But saying the last word about George to kill him... I hope you never said the last word for another dog, if you did how can you live with that???

Well this is not we do... We saved so many dogs that Vet's said that they cannot live, advised us to put to sleep... Like "Nokta" at the moment... Nokta will live a happy healthy life with her foster rescue...

I hope you never do this again, and advise people for someone else, as you couldn't make it..

Cenk Karayazgan

SY:

> There are massive pit bulls and Dogo Argentino's, trained to kill humans and dogs, and basically anything that moves, who are trained to have babies sleep on their bellies.

So... are these dogs "trained to kill humans" or "trained to have babies sleep on their bellies"? It must be one or the other. At any rate, I have zero problems with Dogo Argentinos or Pit Bulls... as long as they don't bite. Same rule for all dogs: no matter what the breed, I like pleasant, non-aggressive dogs, and dislike dangerous, biting dogs. **I have never worked with any aggressive Pit Bulls or Dogos.** Pit Bulls generally came to me for leash pulling problems, separation anxiety, and sometimes inter-dog aggression. **I have competed at shows every weekend with hundreds of Pit Bulls, and have had many pleasant Pits in my obedience and agility classes.**

Since you are obviously ignorant on all matters concerning dogs, you might not realize that Pits have never--until very recently--been bred to be aggressive with humans. In fact, they must be so people-friendly that the owners can reach in to separate them during "professional" dog fights.

But aren't you curious about why many Pit Bulls today are friendly with other dogs, despite being bred for years to kill them? Well, it's because from about 1970 to the present, GOOD, ETHICAL breeders have temperament tested all their puppies and euthanized puppies that test as "aggressive." This is how we now have lines of Pit Bulls that are not only human-friendly, but play nicely with other dogs at the dog park. **Because the aggressive puppies were KILLED.**

>It seems to me that you couldn't manage this dog properly (get some lessons from Cesar Milan before it is too late)

Cesar Milan? What a joke! This shows your complete ignorance. **NO serious dog trainer on earth does anything but laugh at that clown. He barely has a high school education, had earned not ONE title with any dog in any event.** And he was convicted in court of killing a

client's dog by having it wear a choke collar while on a treadmill for the first time... and he walked away and left it for hours. It hung itself. If this is your example of a stellar trainer, you need to look a bit further!

And if you think you can manage this dog "properly," be my guest. But be sure to wear thick leather gloves.

>the dog who slept on your feet upon his arrival.

Yeah, I found out soon afterwards that he was sleeping on my feet because he is a resource guarder. He was there so he could attack any person or pet who came within 3m of his "food dispensing machine" (me).

>Maybe in your country you kill disobedient dogs but we don't do that here.

Yeah, and look at the great dogs being produced in Turkey. Ivan admits his dogs bite people, Georgie bites people/dogs/cats. If you guys would implement a program of euthanizing dangerous dogs—or at least neutering them and stopping BREEDING them—you'd have a lot fewer "disobedient" (i.e. "AGGRESSIVE, BITING") dogs.

>Despite all our shortcomings we are clearly much more civilized bunch than you personally can ever hope to be.

Oh, yeah, Istanbul's 1 million starving street cats and 60,000 street dogs are a model of civilization!

>Continue teaching dogs how to dance...

Thanks, I will.

>I will do my very best to discredit you as a trainer at every opportunity and the emails you have sent are enough evidence to do that. You are a disgrace to your profession.

Discredit me at will! I haven't trained any dogs but my own since 2004. All advice I've ever given while in Turkey has been 100% FREE, and at the request of Ivan. Believe me, I have not sought out these "free advice" sessions, as I have a full-time job in addition to taking care of my own pets and private foster animals.

Besides which, **anybody I respect anywhere in the world would APPLAUD my suggestion to euthanize this dangerous dog. I don't deal with any rescue groups that disrespect adopters by giving them known biting dogs.**

>If you have a license I will make sure it is revoked.

Aside from everything else, this shows your **TOTAL ignorance of the dog world. There is no such thing as a “training” or “dog behavior” license in any country in the world.** Why not check these things on the Internet before showing your ignorance?

>If you have anybody taking their poor dogs to you I will make sure they know what and who you are...

Ooooooooooh, I'm so afraid.....! I'll lose millions of liras in dog training income... Hmmmm, not so bad after all, since **I haven't trained outside dogs for over 6 YEARS.**

>And, comparing Georgie to Ted Bundy?

Yeah, you have a problem with that? Tell me how a dog that bites multiple people and pets in dozens of different circumstances... differs in any significant ethical way from a serial killing human. The only reason Georgie doesn't kill anybody is that he's 8 kg. If he was 70 kg, the comparison might make more sense to you.

>If I find out that you facilitate the death of any animals, that you advice your unfortunate customers to kill their dogs, if I hear that your vet (!) does your dirty work for you I will first take his clinic and his career down and then

Yes, I “facilitate the death of animals” every day, and you do too if you eat meat. Or, if you're vegetarian (as I was for 20 years), you still feed raw don't you? Remember, RAW MEAT, which all Let's Adopt members must swear to feed? Didn't that raw meat come from animals? **So any time you feed your pets, you too are facilitating the death of animals.**

Please **explain to me how killing an aggressive, dangerous, biting dog is ethically “bad,” but killing a sweet, harmless chicken or cow to FEED that dangerous dog with is “acceptable”?**

> I will have you deported for practicing out of the animal protection laws of this country.

Do you take me for an idiot? **You actually thing Turkey is going to deport me for suggesting euthanasia for a biting dog? They'd probably pin a medal on me if they found out.**

>You better watch your every move, Sharon. This is no joke.

Are you threatening me with violence because I suggested euthanizing a biting dog? YOU are the one that needs serious psychological help and a lawsuit brought against you.

> I will not let you kill the dogs that are entrusted to you. My lawyer will deal with you from now on.

Hmmmmm, “the dogs that are entrusted to you.” Yeah, I was just BEGGING to be the foster home of an unhouse-broken dog with serious aggression issues toward humans, dogs and cats.

Here are the facts: I do a few private rescues on my own, but this was my first time fostering for

Ivan. He called with no warning, asking me to take an emergency foster because the original foster was going on holiday. He didn't mention that this foster dog had already bitten at least 3 people and 1 other dog. He said it would be with me less than a week, then go to its home in Holland. I agreed to take the dog for a week.

After a few days, it was apparent that this was a dangerous, biting dog who bites in many different situations. I talked to the first foster home and found out he had a similar history with them. I notified Ivan at that point that the dog was dangerous to place in a home. Ivan lied and said that the future adopter had "no other pets" and lived alone. In fact, the future adopter has 2 cats, 2 dogs, and a daughter with 3 dogs that she and the pets regularly visit.

The end of the week arrived with no news. I kept Georgie and continued to update Ivan weekly. I prepared Georgie a variety of raw meat and fish, continued doing daily training sessions, taking him on 6-7 daily leash walks. I took him to a professional groomer and provided his monthly dose of Frontline at my own expense.

Georgie, in turn, "thanked" me by doing things like attacking me and my pets... trying to bite visitors... and bringing his food bowl from another room, setting it by my foot, then snarling and threatening to bite me for being too close to his food. And of course, attempting to bite me if I tried to brush him or even to touch any part of his face.

Today, at the almost 5 week mark, I wrote Ivan to ask when Georgie was leaving, and to spell out that euthanasia is the ONLY POSSIBLE ethical option for an older adult dog with this many aggression issues. Ivan said he'd come pick up the dog.

If this makes me "evil" in your eyes, that's great from my point of view. I would never want to be part of a group with such terrible ethics as you guys have. Here is what happens when ignorant people like you guys who respect ONLY dogs and not their human adopters place aggressive dogs. These are just a few cases of aggressive dogs that were adopted out to unsuspecting families... with tragic results:

<http://blog.dogsbite.org/2008/09/disneyland-sued-after-2-year-old-is.html>
<http://blog.dogsbite.org/2009/06/pit-bull-attacks-owner-24-hours-after.html>
<http://blog.dogsbite.org/2008/06/chow-scheduled-for-adoption-release.html>
<http://blog.dogsbite.org/2009/04/wappingers-boy-suffers-life-altering.html>
<http://www.dogsbite.org/fatalities/2003-valerie-deswart.pdf>
<http://www.dogsbite.org/blog/2009/02/babysitters-pit-bull-attacks-infant-in.html>

In many cases, these dogs were not known to be aggressive before they were placed. That is supposed to be the PURPOSE of placing a dog in a knowledgeable foster home: to find out if a dog is dangerous BEFORE placing it. And then to NOT PLACE IT

Sharon

LA:

Sharon...

I didn't lie. If you had to deal with as many people and names as I do you too would make mistakes remembering how many animals a certain family has.

I am not a liar, and my ethics are beyond questioning, this is why I am who I am and you are nothing but a failed "trainer" struggling to make a living.

As soon as I am done with the Mayor of Bolu I will deal with you. Yours is going to be the shortest career in dog training in this country.

Whatever you do dont you dare harming my dog. I cringe to think the 5 weeks the poor animal has had with you...

Next email will come from Johanna Noot, George's family. I will see you tomorrow around midday. I will ask Fulya to get the dog from you personally as I would hate to face you again.

Viktor

SY:

Hi Cenk,

Thank you for your courteous and respectful letter. Others might learn a lesson from your letter about how to approach people you disagree with...

>First I want to correct something, George didn't bite me. When I entered Tina's garden, he came down and made me stay where I am as I was a stranger.

I apologize for this. I was told you had definitely been bitten.

At any rate, a dog that "makes somebody stay" at the end of the garden is not a dog *I* would want to own or to adopt out. Georgie is easy for an experienced dog person to read, as he "freezes" and gives a cold stare to warn that he is about to attack. Luckily for you, you are experienced enough with dogs to realize this. What if an inexperienced adult or child had come in the garden and attempted to walk past Georgie, or to pet him? Apparently he has snapped, snarled, and acted aggressively with other people who came into the garden.

> I gave him biscuit. He was free in the house with Tina's dog, I gave the other dog a biscuit too, George had no problem with that too.

He doesn't guard the food until it's on the floor. Then, watch out!

>When I went to shelter to pick up George for the first time he was in a great TRAUMA in a cage. You cannot believe what they do to the dogs in Hasdal...

I thank you for rescuing him and getting him out of there. He was in a terrible situation, and I agree that he needed to get out of there.

>When I take George to my car, I put him next to the second Let's Adopt Rescue named "Monica" As monica was a calm dog, in half an hour ride they sit at the back happily.

Yes, George has taken around 200 walks with me and my other dog. On about 196 of the walks, he didn't do anything bad at all. On the other 4, he lunged at my politely walking dog for NO REASON and aggressively bit him on the shoulder. (My dog has really thick hair, so no injuries).

In a similar fashion, he normally is polite and defers to my cat. But on 4-5 occasions, he has gone ballistic, snarling and lunging and trying to attack the cat. This is normally in situations where the cat is walking across the room towards me, and Georgie is "resource guarding" me—meaning he wants me all to himself.

My cat had never met an unfriendly dog in his life until Georgie. The cat goes out for daily leash walks and played daily with street dogs and friends' dogs. Since Georgie arrived, the cat is so terrified of dogs that he growls and hides any time Georgie is in view. **Thanks for ruining my previously dog-friendly cat, Georgie!**

>Our Professional Vet. Evrim was warned by me that George was in a great trauma, he just took his hand to his mouth and said "ok bite me if you want" ... George didn't bite through all the treatment, because he was out of the hell and felt safe for the first time and he was treated well.

A dog trainer would argue that he was probably on his best behavior because:

- 1) he was thin and weak
- 2) he was virtually blind at that point because of the hair covering his eyes
- 3) he didn't know you guys well enough yet to know whether he could "act out" with impunity
- 4) he was being handled by men, and some dogs are more respectful around men

JUST TO BE CLEAR.. GEORGIE HASN'T BITTEN ME EITHER. I guarantee he would

have bitten anybody else. I suspected that Georgie had an aggression problem from the beginning, though Ivan really tried hard to hide this fact.

Since I had some intuitive "warning," I have been able to protect myself. Georgie has attempted to bite me on several occasions, but I only handle him when he is on leash, and I steer him so he can't get in a position to bite me.

By the way, you might not realize, but even the MOST aggressive dogs are only aggressive <5% of the time. It is because of the 95% of "good times" that people hold out hope that the dangerous dog is really a "good dog" who can be rehabilitated.

Along with most other behaviorists who began training before 2005 or so, I was told that a dog's temperament depended on socialization, training, treatment by humans, etc. In recent times, we now realize that about 80% of temperament is inherited, and there is very little you can do to change it.

The only tool we have is to change the 20% that can be changed. Otherwise, we can only try to manage the aggressive dog so he can't bite people: by using baby-gates, muzzles, keeping him on leash during interactions, feeding him away from people and dogs, not allowing him on furniture (if he guards furniture), etc.

In my own experience, I've bought a "perfectly bred" puppy with champion parents and wonderful early socialization. I gave him further socialization by spending 24 hours a day with him and taking him to a wide variety of new places. He was hand-fed by over 3000 people in the first 6 months. He went to TV studios, met camels, elephants and tigers, went on speed-boat rides, visited farms and big cities, and went on camping trips. My dog and his 14 litter-mates almost all grew up to bite people and other dogs. Their aggression likely had roots in hypothyroidism, though medication had no effect at all.

By contrast, I adopted a 15 week old semi-starved puppy of the same breed. That puppy was rescued by police during a puppy-mill raid. This puppy had seen his breeder for only 1 minute a week during that time, and had ZERO socialization. She just put some food in a small wire outdoor cage (with no protection from sun/rain) and walked away. My puppy was found in a cage with five litter-mates who had starved to death. His father had also starved. Once I got this puppy, I couldn't take him in public for a while because he had several contagious diseases. He was 6 months old before he met any other dogs or people besides me.... WAAAY past the socialization "window." But from the beginning, and through his life, he loved every man, woman, child, dog, puppy, cat, kitten, sheep and cow on the earth. He grew up to be a champion sheep and cattle herding dog, and put on weekly trick demos for children. He baby-sat puppies, and protected baby ducks from predators. You could clip his toenails, brush tangled hair, take meat out of his mouth... and he would not once complain or act aggressively. He wasn't afraid of anything, and wouldn't back down from an angry bull, but

was totally gentle and trustworthy with children of all ages and personalities.

While these are only anecdotal accounts, they illustrate that training and socialization cannot necessarily overcome bad genes.

In Georgie's case, he probably got quite a few "bad genes." He appears to have entropion (inverted eyelids), which are often found in inbred dogs from small gene pools. This may be the reason why his eyes are always watering. Furthermore, he has a total of 13 forward-facing toes on his front feet instead of 8, possibly a result of inbreeding.

> If I say that George cannot be trained or very dangerous dog no-one will take this seriously. What disturbed me a lot is that you are a professional trainer and people believe in your word and when you say that this dog should be put to sleep, people will do what you say.

And why is that a bad thing? **Yes, I'm a (former) full-time professional trainer and behaviorist.** I've had dogs since 1966, and competed in eleven different sports up to the international level since 1977. I have a Master's degree in Zoology/Animal Behavior from one of the top programs in the world (U-Wisconsin-Madison). I've worked professionally with over 700 students and 400 in-home dog behavior clients (most with aggressive dogs). I've been on national TV and radio, and have been an expert witness for aggression cases in American courts. **So yes, it would be a nice world if my opinion held more value and weight than that of somebody who is not experienced with aggressive dogs.**

I love (nice) dogs and want to be a responsible steward towards all dogs. However, I also value humans. I find it unacceptable to place a dog with a known, serious biting issue into a new home. Doesn't the future adopter consider at least as much consideration as the dog?

>But how can you come to this point, maybe you are doing something wrong and some one else would train his behaviour. In that case you would kill an innocent dog that you can't deal with his attitude.

Because Turks have no experience with the world of dog training, shows, serious study of dog behavior... I see how you might think this. However, take my word for it: **there is nobody in this country that's even CLOSE to my experience. Besides working with 1100 + dog training students and having a M.S. degree in the field, I have also read around 3000 books on dog training and dog behavior. I've also attended many international dog training conferences, and have known or worked with many of the great dog behaviorists. I was the regional coordinator for Pets As Therapy in the UK and was a licensed temperament evaluator in both the UK and USA. Oh, and my last few dogs have earned 50 titles in 11 sports, including several**

USA/UK/Turkey #1 or #2 national rankings. If you can find somebody with better credentials for judging a dog's temperament, I'd love to know about it!

>I hope you never said the last word for another dog, if you did how can you live with that???

How could I live with it if I didn't recommend euthanasia and Georgie went out and bit many more people... which he will?

I'll end by mentioning a similar situation in humans. Could a competent parent or teacher have "cured" Ted Bundy or John Wayne Gacy's "violent tendencies"? Can psychologists "fix" a violent schizophrenic? There are problems in people that are impossible to eradicate, and the same is true for dogs.

Even if Georgie could be cured (and I don't believe he can be), **why should we waste time doing this when there are FRIENDLY, sociable puppies with NO problems being killed here every day?**

Sharon

SY:

>I am not a liar, and my ethics are beyond questioning,

Believe me, people question them behind your back constantly.

>this is why I am who I am and you are nothing but a failed "trainer" struggling to make a living.

That's funny. last I knew, I had quit professional dog training in 2004. Since then, I've worked as a chemist and English teacher, and am now a full time employee for an American biotech company. So your "failed 'trainer'" comment is hardly likely to hurt my feelings now, is it?

>As soon as I am done with the Mayor of Bolu I will deal with you.

Yeah, because somebody who gives a well-thought out professional opinion of euthanasia for an aggressive dog living in their home for 5 weeks is EXACTLY as bad as a guy who runs a death camp for thousands of dogs. Get real.

>Yours is going to be the shortest career in dog training in this country. Ummmmmm yeah. **Considering that I haven't earned a living as a dog trainer since 2004, this is not much of a threat.**

>Whatever you do dont you dare harming my dog. I cringe to thin the 5 weeks the poor animal has had with you...

Oh, yeah. By the way, the 50 kg ball and chain is working great, as well as the shackles and the torture rack. Every day after his 7 walks and his hand-mixed and weighed raw meals, I sit around beating him with whips and chains. Oh, the horror of it all!

> I will see you tomorrow around midday. I will ask Fulya to get the dog from you personally.

What? Are you nuts? You're sending the crazed lunatic that has already threatened me via e-mail? If she's the one coming, I'll tie Georgie in the garden and she can pick him up as I watch through the window from behind some bullet-proof glass.

Sharon

LA:

I am speechless. I have never heard a more absurd excuse to kill a dog than "he bites sometimes"...

I am just a regular animal lover. I have no professional title in any kind of animal fields, I am not a vet nor a trainer but my common sense is enough to warn me that killing a dog just because he bites sometimes is nothing but pure murder. To me, expecting a dog not to bite is expecting a new-born baby not to cry. When I was a baby, I used to cry for very long periods of time for no reason and my parents had to take me to the doctor to ask why. The doc said "She does not feel safe". They did not abandon, leave, dump or kill me. A slight change in approach kept me alive. As in George's case, I think it is the same thing. A dog from Hasdal will surely have hard time adapting to his environment. We, as people, no matter how well we can emphaty, can never ever realize the trauma, the torture, the fright these poor animals go through in that "kill center". They need time (and this may be long) to adapt. I have a dog here with me now, from the forest of Bolluca. She was dumped from Hasdal. She has been here with us for more than 3 weeks now and this baby - who sleeps with us on the bed with cats- turns into a real monster if one of the cats dares to pass in front of the kitchen as she eats. And at first, she did snarl at

me as I was trying to give her food. But she is still here. And alive. Because I do understand her.

About your comment on vets euthanizing dogs like George... If your vet does such a thing, my suggestion is that quit working with him and take the legal way to end his license. He has no right to take a life for such a ridiculous reason. If a vet can kill a dog just because the dog is not a very "nice" dog obeying the "rules" of the caretaker/owner, then a doctor can kill a person whom he thinks is mean... Or would you kill a hyperactive person just because they have really trouble sitting in a classroom? They, too, sometimes disturb the flow of the lecture but I have never seen a teacher even kicking the student out (I come from a teacher family, both parents are teachers).

I really am very sorry to read all this. People tell me I love animals "too much" because I let them be themselves. And right now I have 12 cats and a dog in my house, fosters and my animals. There is perfect peace. How do I do that? As I said before, I am no trainer or pro in any sense but what I do is I do respect the animal's needs. I try to put myself in their shoes to empathy their feelings. Do they fear? If so, from what? How can I make her feel safe? My experience taught me that animals need time to adapt into their new environments but they cannot do this unless they feel perfectly safe. The key word to me is not love, it is "trust". The animal HAS TO feel that she is safe with you.

I wish George the best and I know that he will live a great life in a family full of loving and understanding people...

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LA:

I'm sure people question me behind my back constantly..

the world is full of pieces of shit who cannot understand those who follow a higher purpose.

As for Fulya being a crazy lunatic yes.. you are right... not good idea to have her face you.

I'll pick up George myself this afternoon.

I will call you and then you can leave him on the garden.

Viktor

SY:

>I am speechless. I have never heard a more absurd excuse to kill a dog than "he bites"...

Get used to it. Everywhere in the world, dogs are killed for biting. In most cases, it is required by law to kill a dog who bites anybody except the owner. (And recommended in the case of biting the owner). In most of America, Europe, Africa, Asia, Africa and Australia, one of these two rules applies:

A dog bites a non-owner hard enough for them to bleed:

- 1) The dog is euthanized immediately.
- 2) The dog is allowed to live, but euthanized immediately if he ever bites again.

In the UK, where I used to live, dogs are routinely euthanized by court order for killing another pet, including rabbits and cats. And you BET dogs in the UK and USA—among many other countries—are euthanized for biting people.

>I am just a regular animal lover. I have no professional title in any kind of animal fields,

Yes, your ignorance is obvious.

>To me, expecting a dog not to bite is expecting a new-born baby not to cry.

Yes, of course I can see the similarity... NOT. What on earth is the same as a dog causing repeated, damaging bites on the skin of people/dogs/cats..... and a vocalization? I don't euthanize puppies for whining, or adults for barking. But violent people go to prison or are executed, and dangerous dogs are supposed to go to a sanctuary (NOT be adopted out!) or be euthanized.

I think you're trying to say that biting is "natural" and therefore "acceptable." Of course some biting is natural. Some is acceptable. If I trip and fall on top of a dog, I have no problem with it biting me. (Though I would hope that the dog has good enough genes to at least bite softly). If I threaten, torture, or abuse a dog, I expect it to bite. If my child shoves a pencil in the dog's butt, I expect it to bite.

I do NOT expect or tolerate a dog biting me because:

... I approach its food to add more food...

... it's angry that another dog wants my attention

... it doesn't want me to get on the sofa that he's already on

... I tried to wipe a tear from its face using a small piece of paper towel.

See? There are good and bad reasons for biting. Georgie's reasons are ALL bad. If you passed by a human dinner table and somebody leaped out of their chair and stabbed you with a knife, you would think that person had a serious psychological problem. That person would need to go to PRISON. Not be invited home and allowed to sleep in your bed. Yet when a dangerous dog does the equivalent behavior, you are filled with "understanding." Geesh—give me a break!

Aggression is inherited—it is not learned because the "poor dog had to fight for his meals." My dog that was rescued from a puppy mill... who was found in a cage with his five dead (starved) brothers... was never once food-aggressive in his life. He never had free access to food—just 2 meals a day. Yet any dog could eat from the same bowl at the same time. Any child or adult could approach, and even take meat from the dog's mouth without any problem at all. That's because he had good temperament genes, unlike George.

Dogs born with bad temperaments, like George—even if raised with plentiful food their entire lives—will still attack others who approach.

>When I was a baby, I used to cry for very long periods of time for no reason

It seems to me that you still do!

> I have a dog here with me now, from the forest of Bolluca. She was dumped from Hasdal. She has been here with us for more than 3 weeks now and this baby -who sleeps with us on the bed with cats- turns into a real monster if one of the cats dares to pass in front of the kitchen as she eats. And at first, she did snarl at me as I was trying to give her food. But she is still here. And alive.

Yeah, I'd hate to be your house-keeper, visitor, relative, or neighbor. What happens when a repairman accidentally walks too close to your eating dog and is attacked? Isn't the repairman deserving of your consideration too?

>About your comment on vets euthanizing dogs like George... If your vet does such a thing, my suggestion is that quit working with him and take the legal way to end his license.

Good luck. In 99% of the world, vets are REQUIRED by ethics and by law to euthanize a dog that repeatedly bites people. In my entire life, I have never met a single rescuer or vet that would even question this. OF COURSE dangerous, biting dog are euthanized! If there are vets in Turkey that do NOT euthanize aggressive dogs on request, those are the ones that need to have their licenses revoked.

>If a vet can kill a dog just because the dog is not a very "nice" dog obeying the "rules" of the caretaker/owner, then a doctor can kill a person whom he thinks is mean...

Not nice = mean = dog growls, dog snaps toward the air

Not obeying rules = dog doesn't sit before being allowed to go through a door

Can be trained/managed = dog bites ONE type of person (e.g. guardian or stranger) or in ONE situation (e.g. food guarding)

Definitely-should-be-euthanized = dog attacks multiple people—both guardians and strangers, men and women and attacks dogs... and cats... under many different unacceptable circumstances. And when he bites, he breaks the skin and somebody bleeds (Level 4 bites or higher: <http://ezinearticles.com/?Learn-the-Six-Levels-of-a-Dog-Bite&id=1109747>).

>Or would you kill a hyperactive person just because they have really trouble sitting in a classroom?

Are you an idiot? What is the relationship between a hyperactive person... and a dog that attacks other people, dogs and cats and bites them hard enough to bleed? If you want to compare, compare these two: a violent criminal with a knife that stabs people for no good reason... and a dog that bites for no good reason.

>I really am very sorry to read all this. People tell me I love animals "too much" because I let them be themselves.

Well, you certainly love bad dogs more than you love the innocent human victims whom they're attacking.

- Given a good dog and a good person, I like them equally (okay, I like the dog a bit more). This is rational.

- Given a "bad dog with a biting history" and a good person, YOU like the dog more. This is irrational and dangerous behavior.

>And right now I have 12 cats and a dog in my house, fosters and my animals.

Oh, so you're a hoarder, huh? That figures.

> what I do is I do respect the animal's needs.

I welcome you to take on Georgie. After he attacks you, your cats and your other dog a few times, you will learn to do this out of "respect."

- To never allow any other animals in the same room as you and Georgie.
- To never pet any of your other animals when Georgie is close enough to see it.
- To feed him in a separate room with a sturdy door.
- To never put anything on the floor that he could guard: rawhides, pig ears, meaty bones, etc.
- To never touch or groom him on his face or anywhere else he "doesn't like".

Knowing you ignorant rescue-fanatic types, I'm sure he'll be allowed on furniture and on your bed. So add to the list that you will also learn to:

- Give the best sofa/chair to Georgie, and never to approach when he's on it.
- To never get up from bed in the middle of the night, because you won't be "allowed" back in.

>The key word to me is not love, it is "trust". The animal HAS TO feel that she is safe with you.

Again, your ignorance is showing. If somebody comes into your house and attacks you with a knife, can you (the victim) "correct him" and set him on the path to decency simply by

“understanding him” and making him “feel safe”? Good luck with that one the next time a rapist invades your house.

>I wish *George* the best and I know that he will live a great life in a family full of loving and understanding people...

I wish any poor PERSON or other pet who comes in contact with him the best, and hope that they have good medical insurance.

Sharon

LA:

Sharon,

Yes, I am ignorant. Yes, I am an idiot. I may be all the things that you want to name me and I will be happy to wear the tags. But one thing I am not is a killer...

One last thing: Only people who know that they are guilty or are the ones responsible for failures spend so much time trying to explain their reasons, their excuses. They know that they are the ones causing the problem and they cannot repair it. They know they make no sense. So they just talk, talk and talk as if talking will put some sense into the matter. People who are sure of themselves, they are silent. They just do what they do best, what they believe in. They focus on the solution, not on long texts divided by lines. Everybody in this thread knows who is who. So please Sharon, keep on writing. And when I stop crying after my ignorant acts, I'll sit and enjoy reading your long, long, long mails...

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LA:

Cagri, my sentiments exactly... By this woman's token I should have my 17 year old dog killed when he was 9 months old. We should have killed Esmeralda because she protects her food from the cats and is the same size as George :) Simba should never have lived to see her 16th birthday, Peke, long gone...

This woman believes in a different world where there is a master and a servant. Let her roll in that particular, stinking mud. I pity every animal she touches/touched.

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LA:

Hi all,

George is with us. He shared a bit of my toasted cheese sandwich, drank water from my hands, tarvelled up and down Bagdat Cd. In Ivan's arms, currently sleeping with him under a tree in the garden after having played like a baby.

The so called master trainer (!) In this thread, that ultimate fake human being would not hesitate to kill him. We prefer to let him have a wonderful life with people who'll love and respect his right to live.

SY:

>George is with us. He shared a bit of my toasted cheese sandwich, drank water from my hands,

Yes, Fulya, like ANY dog, George has no problem with YOU doing stuff for him and acting as his slave. **What dog wouldn't love it if a human gave him a sandwich and water on a hot day?** The most aggressive dog on earth would pass this "test" without a problem.

Now... I'd love to see you put that cheese sandwich (or meat... or canned dog food... or kibble) on the ground, walk briefly away, then approach and pick it up again. That's different, isn't it? Tell me... **is Georgie such a gentleman when you want to share HIS sandwich?**

Like many people who are clueless about dogs, you act like food aggression is not an issue. Indeed, many owners deal with this issue by putting the dog in a crate and shutting the door while he's eating.

But what happens...

... if Georgie doesn't finish his chicken wing, but you need to open the crate to take him outdoors?

... if an adult or child visitor drops a piece of cake and innocently reaches down to pick it up?

... if your other pets walk between Georgie and food?

... if Georgie picks up dangerous trash, poisoned food, etc. on the street... and you have to get it out of his mouth?

... if Georgie is sick and vomits... then attacks you because you try to clean it up, and he had planned to eat it again?

Let me re-iterate for the millionth time: If YOU want to keep a dangerous dog in your house and are prepared to protect guests from him, I have NO PROBLEM with that.

Of course, **for every dog you “save” like Georgie, young dogs with perfect, friendly temperaments are dying on the streets due to lack of homes.** Apparently, you have no ethical issue with letting those friendly dogs die while going out of your way to “save” a dog that bites.

What I have a problem with is Ivan sending this dog with an **EXTENSIVE BITE HISTORY** to a foster home (me) and failing to say a word about it. And then attempting to adopt out the dog—who has bitten humans, dogs and cats while in foster care-- to an innocent adopter with 2 dogs and 2 cats.

> travelled up and down Bagdat Cd. In Ivan's arms, currently sleeping with him under a tree in the garden after having played like a baby.

Yes, as Tina and I both mentioned to Ivan, **Georgie will allow people to pick him up 9 times out of 10. But in various conditions (low light, presence of other animals, presence of food, presence of other people, etc.) he bites in this situation.** Anyway, he has just arrived. You have to wait for him to settle in a bit before you'll see his true colors.

But as long as you guys are happy... and until Georgie bites an innocent visitor... enjoy yourselves.

Sharon

George's Adoptant:

Hi all,

I just did speak with my mother in law... she still love to have Georgie in her house. He is more then welcome.

She realize that a dog with a history is not easy.. She is a "strong" woman and is acquainted with problembehaviour from dogs..

I think Georgie needs a chance to have a good life..

I hope we have Georgie soon in holland.

Kind regards.

Johanna

LA:

Johanna..

I'm sitting with George and a couple of cats at the garden.

Please tell your mother in law that she is getting an incredible dog. I will send you a few movies later that will make you go back to the emails of this ridiculous "trainer" and cringe in disbelief.

Sharon, you tried to kill the wrong dog.

I'm going to launch a query onto all of you fake "trainers" and you are going to be the first one to fall.

Viktor