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Ron Nober and Susan Engle
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Dear Ron and Susan,

I am so pleased at the outcome of my Australian Shepherd's training program that I am inspired to write this letter.

As a veterinarian, I have always been in favor of positive reinforcement as the primary means by which to modify behavior. I was taught this in school as well as since graduation. Indeed, this method worked very well for all of my dogs, including a German Shepherd, a German Shorthaired Pointer, a Golden Retriever, a Standard Poodle, and many of my client's pets.

When I got my Aussie, I was overwhelmed with his energy and intelligence. He was a real challenge and ended up tethered or crated most of the time, because he could not be trusted for even a minute. When my family needed a break, we put him outside, where he barked incessantly and my neighbors complained, forcing us to live with him in the house under constant stress. He engaged us in a constant game of chase.


I sent him to you with much trepidation and fear that he might come back less spirited in exchange for better-behaved...not my idea of a "good" dog.

Much to my surprise, he has returned just as energetic and spirited and HAPPY!. He gets much more attention, (all positive), and can go places with me because he can behave. He is calmer and not constantly into trouble. My entire family is thrilled; even my other dog likes him more!.

I am looking forward to years of companionship, agility, flyball, and pleasure as he gets better and better.

Again, thank you for your great work.

Sincerely,



Amy Sclarsky, V.M.D.