

Case Information

Mia

Live Aggression Consultation Sessions with Michael Shikashio CDBC on GrishaStewart.com



Clients: Jill, Stan, Lucas, and Caroline (Just Stan and Jill live in the home)

Dog: Mia, a 5.5-year-old, female mixed breed

Acquired from: Shelter in November of 2018

Intact status: Spayed approximately four years ago

Other household dogs:

Chole, a female, 14-year-old JRT mix

Copper, a male, 10-year-old Pit mix

Ziggy, a male, 1.5-year-old Terrier mix

Chance, a male, 15-year-old Dachshund foster dog

Medical history:

Injuries – old spinal injury that gets sore occasionally when she is very active.

Illnesses – currently (1/15/20) being treated for a UTI.

Surgeries – no known surgeries other than de-sexing

Vaccines – up to date on all vaccinations

Medications – 20mg fluoxetine twice daily for approx. one year (started at 20mg once daily for first month); Diazepam as needed, Carprofen as needed; Dasuquin joint supplement chews twice daily

Proin 50mg once per day for current UTI; Amoxicillin 500mg 2x daily

Previous medications – Meloxicam (stopped for nausea one month ago)

Diet:

Blue Buffalo Healthy Weight adult, 1.5 cups, twice daily with a tablespoon of diced chicken. She doesn't always finish her meal.

Environment:

All dogs are gated into the family room and kitchen area when no one is home. If there is a visitor to the home, Mia is crated.

The dogs are never alone for more than 3-5 hours maximum and occasionally have a pet sitter come by if it's going to be a longer day. Mia will chew door frames and baseboards if confined for too long.

Mia sleeps on her bed in Jill and Stan's bedroom with all the other dogs.

Enrichment:

Daily walks of approximately 20 minutes and yard time. Twice monthly outings to new environments for opportunities to sniff.

Presenting Behavior Issues:

“Mia has many issues lol, but the one we struggle most with is her fear aggression behavior towards our son Lucas. She barks, hackles, has nipped him a few times and is generally a real brat to him when he is home. It has become a sore spot in our relationship with him unfortunately, it really bums him out. There is also some social facilitation so the other dogs will bark at him as well.”