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What Really Happens When We Tell Dogs the Word No *Adrienne Farricelli Oct 9, 2016*

As verbal humans, we are used to using our words to communicate our thoughts, and this tendency often also surpasses species boundaries when we use our words as well to communicate with our own dogs. One of the most common words people use to communicate displeasure is a sharp "no!" said often in a "I mean business" tone of voice. But do dogs really understand the meaning of the word no? We may assume they do based on how they sometimes react to it, but things are not always as we perceive them.

Using the Word, No

To us humans, the word no is perceived as something that should make a behavior stop. Indeed, people tend to often use it



when the dog is doing something that is not desirable. The dog is jumping on someone. No! The dog is trying to steal a sandwich from the table. No! The dog is about to jump onto the couch. No!

Since many dogs stop in their tracks upon hearing the "no" word, it's perceived as if the dog completely understood our

message. The word "no" is therefore reinforcing to the owner as it made a bothersome behavior stop in its tracks. Since it feels good to the owner to make an unwanted behavior go away, the word no will therefore be used more and more in similar contexts. So

next time Rover tries to dig a hole in the yard, the owner will say... yes, you guessed it, the powerful word "no!"

Dogs don't use words as we do, and as such, they often don't understand many things we tell them. The word "no!" used to tell Rover to stop chewing, to stop

jumping, to stop digging, to stop begging, to stop pulling and to stop all those different things dogs do that we don't like, isn't perceived by dogs in the same way we perceive it. So if dogs don't really understand what we are saying, then why do some dogs often stop in their tracks upon hearing us say "no"? Following are several explanations as to what dogs may be actually perceiving when we say the magic word "no."

"Stop All Activity!"

Think dogs understand the word 'no'? Here's what's likely happening. When the dog owner says "no!" in a firm "I mean business" tone of voice, the dog is simply responding to the owner as

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A Guide to your Cats Body Language and Sounds

by Cam | Cat Behavior

Although there may be more types of cat behavior than are listed here, this is a good list to start with. If you know of any cat behaviors we missed, leave them in the comments and we'll add them to the list.

1. Arched back with raised fur

With a kitten it usually means let's play! With an adult cat they're telling you they want to be left alone or that something has got them spooked. If there is also a deep growl, stiff movement and solid eye contact they most definitely want to be by

themselves. So just walk away. It can also be a defensive move and sense that something is not right.

2. Ears turned back

If your cats ears are turned back and their stance is rock steady they're unsure of what to do, analyzing their situation and planning their next move. If they



are low to the ground then check your curtains or sofa as they're, more than likely, guilty of some bad behavior.

3. Ears pointed up

Something has gotten your cats' full attention and interest if their ears are sitting straight up. It could be anything from a sound, movement or

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2 tbsp Honey

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before serving.

Note:

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of Peanut Butter

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cookie sheet and bake another
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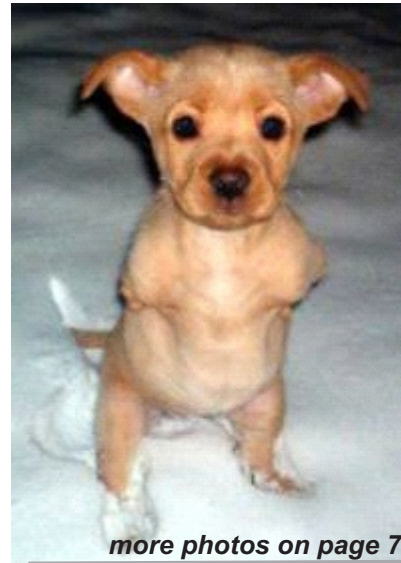
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A DOG NAMED FAITH -

Originally printed in 2011, We
thought you all would enjoy
this...

This dog was born on
Christmas Eve in the year
2002. He was born with two



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legs. He, of course, could not
walk when he was born. Even
his mother did not want him.

His first owner did not think he
could survive and was thinking
of 'putting him to sleep.' But
then his present owner, Judy,
met him and wanted to take
care of him. She became
determined to teach and train
this little dog to walk by himself.
She named him 'Faith.'

In the beginning, she put Faith
on a surfboard to let him feel
the movement. Later, she used
peanut butter on a spoon as a
lure and reward for him for
standing up and jumping
around. Even the other dog at
home encouraged him to walk.

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Behavior Issues to Watch for in Rescue Dogs and Cats

by John & Karen Henderson
dogsnaturallymagazine.com/rabies-miasm-in-dogs/

(Names were changed to preserve privacy. For detailed information to your specific issues, consult a homeopathic specialist.)

As eager as we are to get our furry pets' home, we MUST be patient! We have experienced many hard stories about animal lovers finding adorable puppies or kittens at a grocery store exit.

While these little animals certainly need our compassion and a new home, we cannot take for granted that they are healthy!

This column will be dedicated to cautionary articles and how to avoid some of the horrendous tales many of us have heard.

Karen and I have recently found a great pup through a local group that we dearly love and support.

Beth, the rescuer, got a call from a young couple who had just brought a new baby home from the hospital. Six months earlier, a terrier mixed into their yard as a stray. "Bisket", looked a bit worn out, tired and hungry.

After they fed her, she settled in for the night seemingly exhausted from being "on the run" for who knows how long. Bisket slept for the better part of the day and into the next morning. Jeff and Mary woke to Bisket standing on their bed looking rested and ready to play.

Jeff decided to take Bisket to the vet for a checkup, and to search for a chip. They found a chip but whoever injected it did not finish the registration

process.

The vet gave Bisket a clean bill of health and Jeff decided to keep her, so he had the VAX updated.. Bisket seemed to fit right in. She knew basic tricks like sit, rollover and so on.

After about a week, Jeff was walking Bisket, and she became aggressive around one of their neighbors.

About a week went by and Jeff and Mary decided against keeping her. She had a normally sweet disposition, but her sudden aggressiveness weighted heavy on them because they were expecting a new baby.

They surrendered Bisket to a local rescue group. Karen and I had been working with Beth and she called us to let us know about Bisket. John went to meet Bisket and found out that, according to, a new rescue must have a rabies VAX when surrendered. We took Bisket in and started to work with her.

The first thing we did was to get a "Gentle Leader" collar that controls the muzzle instead of the neck on dogs giving the handler control. We then found out that she had at least 2 Rabies VAX within the last 3 months.

Her level of aggression had risen to serious levels, and we thought we were going to have to surrender her. She was only about 2 years old and probably had at least one other rabies VAX. With a total of 3 rabies vaccinations in 2 years, we suspected Rabies

Miasm¹.

"Clinically," says Dr. Richard Pitcairn, "you see certain symptoms. A miasm is a chronic disturbance unrecognized except as it's manifested by acute flare-ups of what seem to be individual diseases."

"What I've seen happen is, after vaccination, dogs develop what we call the 'rabies miasm', where they become more aggressive, more likely to bite, more nervous and suspicious," notes Dr. Pitcairn. "They may also have a tendency to run away, to wander, and also sometimes to have excessive saliva, and to tear things up. It's not that they have rabies, but they seem to express some symptoms of the disease from exposure to the vaccine."

Please read the article under the title for treatment suggested. In our case we sought the help of a Canine Behavior specialist and, after a suggested protocol, Bisket is calmer and easier to manage.

6 Things to Know About Keeping Your Dog Safe from Rattlesnakes.

1) Snakes like to sun themselves.

You might think you're safe on the hiking trail, but that's a common area for rattlesnakes to hang out. Since they're cold blooded, they like to sunbathe, and shadeless areas like rockpiles or the trail itself can attract them. Give them a wide berth, but if you have to step off the trail into the brush, make sure to prod the area in front of you with a long stick because there might be more hanging out in there, too.

2) Avoid the brush.

The upside of the trail is that you can see everything, especially a snake. Keep out of the brush, areas with tall grasses — basically anything where you can't see the ground (also good advice for avoiding ticks!).

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"Outside of a dog, a book is probably man's best friend;
inside of a dog, it's too dark to read." Groucho Marx



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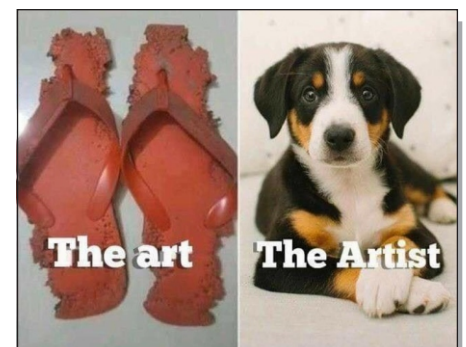
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if responding to a dog who is growling and snarling. No exact meaning is attached to the word no as to "stop jumping, stop digging or stop begging."

Therefore, the dog is not stopping any particular activity, but is actually stopping ALL activity, explains veterinarian Myrna Milani, in the book *"The Body Language and Emotion of Dogs."*

"Using the word "NO" means nothing to a dog, he is not born with an understanding of the word "NO" or any other word for that matter."~[Georgina Lees-Smith](#)

What to do instead: here's an easy exercise: try to stop relying

on the word "no" and instead do some troubleshooting, figuring out what you really want your dog to do instead. Write these behaviors down and start practicing them when the problem behaviors are NOT occurring. Make these behaviors really fluent so that you can ask for them when you notice your dog is about to engage in a troublesome behavior.

"I Don't Understand You"

When we tell a dog "no" we are not understanding our dog and our dog is not understanding us. This makes for some mass miscommunication!

For example, in the case of a dog who is barking at the door,

we may tell the dog to quiet down by saying "No!" But what is really going on in Rover's mind? Rover may have heard a noise, perhaps somebody walking close by the door and by barking he is announcing an intruder. "There's somebody coming close!" he barks to alert the owner. The owner instead remarks "No!" while the dog keeps barking as if saying "Yes, yes, there is a person walking by, I just heard him with my sensitive ears! Don't believe me? Check it out!"

For the rest of the article, visit <http://www.dogdiscoveries.com>.

MOURNING THE LOSS AND HONORING THE GIFT

by Dina Taylor

It can be extremely difficult coping with the death of a family pet. This is because our pets become integral members of our families. They provide us with unconditional love. They help us get through difficult times. They provide us with comfort, solace, entertainment, and companionship. They listen to our secrets and never give them away. They are never petty or judgmental. They are often more loyal and trustworthy than many of our human friends.

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If you have any questions, call Kimberly at Fun Fur U – In Home Pet Care



A DOG NAMED FAITH - Original Date of article Sept 18, 2011

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Amazingly, after only six months, like a miracle, Faith learned to balance on his hind legs and to jump to move forward. After further training in the snow, he could walk like a human being.

Faith loves to walk around now. No matter where he goes, he attracts people. He is fast becoming famous on the international scene and has appeared in newspapers and on TV shows. There is now a book titled 'With a Little Faith' being published about him. He was even considered to appear in one of the Harry Potter movies.

His present owner, Jude has given up her teaching post and plans to take him around the world to preach that even without a perfect body, one can have a 'perfect soul.' In life there are always undesirable



things, so in order to feel better you just need to look at life from another direction. I hope this message will bring fresh, new ways of thinking to everyone and that everyone will appreciate and be thankful for each beautiful day. Faith is the continual demonstration of the strength and wonder of life .. A small request: All you are asked to do is keep this story circulating

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another cat.

4. Exposed tummy

If your cat rolls on her back and shows her tummy to you it's a sign of complete trust.

It is no small gesture and is the utmost in trust. Plus your cat is extremely comfortable with the surroundings. They are very relaxed. A great deal of trust has been established as cats normally will protect their stomach.

5. Hissing

The message is pretty clear when your cat hisses. Cats will hiss when they're backed into a tight spot, they need some space or they're very unhappy. Stay away from a hissing cat.

6. Kneading with front paws

Our cats do this all the time. It's usually a comforting thing they like to do that has been carried over from their kitten years. There may be other reasons, unknown to us, as to why they do this. Generally it's a good thing.

7. Lying on your newspaper or book

Your cat feels comfortable and

feels in complete control of the situation.

8. Laying down, staring and not moving

Your cat is waiting for the right moment to attack something. Watch their eyes. The pupils will enlarge just before they pounce.

9. Meowing

Your cat is trying to get your attention.

10. Pawing at paper

Your cat wants to play or they're trying to figure out if the paper is a new litter box. Often cats will play with paper items.

11. Purring

Happy, content cats will purr. Cats will purr for other reasons too. They might be waiting for something to make them happy or if it's a deep internal purr, they could be in pain.

12. Rubbing and Purring

Your cat will cover you and the things around them with pheromones. Pheromones come from glands on your cats face and create a comforting odor for your cat. Rubbing is a natural marking behavior for all cats. Cats will rub

on walls, furniture, shoes and even things you put down on the floor for a short while. Leg rubbing is the most common and can also be a simple call for attention, you have been forgiven for abandoning it or you have been accepted as a friend.

13. Scratching

If your cat is tearing up your house and furniture they may be in need of some attention. You can't stop the scratching but you can provide other options for your cat. Make sure there is a scratching post available to the cat at all times.

14. Sneezing and coughing, low to ground

Your cat is working on a hairball. Wait until they are done and clean it up as soon as possible. Hairballs can cause stains on carpets and furniture.

15. Slow, sneaky low to the ground crawl

Your cat is after something, stalking its "victim". Beware, your cat will start a full speed assault very soon.

16. Soft tiny meow

Your cat really wants attention. This is a plea for sympathy and a spot on your lap.

17. Swishing or wagging tail

If something or someone is bothering your cat they will start to whip their tail from side to side. If whatever it is doesn't stop the cat will either run away or react aggressively.

18. Tail tucked between the legs

Something has scared your cat when this happens. Flattened ears, growling and dilated pupils can also accompany a tucked tail. Don't try to comfort a fearful cat. They won't want to be held. Let them get over whatever it was on their own.

19. Tail upright, normal posture

This means a happy cat with no worries. Everything is fine in their world.

20. Twitching tail

You'll see a cats tail twitch when it sees a bird or a raccoon, etc. which get them excited as they want what they see. A cat's tail could also twitch for predatory or territorial reasons that can cause the cat to become aggressive. In this case it's best to leave the cat

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They are uncomplicated. They are our companions in life.

Here are some tips that will help you as you are experiencing the loss of your beloved pet:

1. Not everyone has experienced the deep bond created between a human and an animal. They may not understand what you are going through. It is best to seek support from someone who can empathize with you.
2. Not all family members will grieve in the same way. It is important to allow

them to move through the loss in their own way.

3. Consider celebrating and memorializing your pet with a special ceremony, keepsake, or donation to a worthy animal cause.
4. Not talking about the loss will not make it go away faster. The more you share, the sooner you will begin to heal from the loss and grief.
5. If you are having difficulty moving on after a significant period of time, consider seeking professional support from a licensed therapist.

"Ever consider what they must think of us? I mean, here we come back from a grocery store with the most amazing haul - chicken, pork, half a cow. They must think we're the greatest hunters on earth! Anne Tyler

PROSPECTUS:**Military & Civil Service Animal Memorial**

Hereafter referred to as "McSAM"

**PURPOSE:**

To establish a national memorial honoring service horses, dogs and birds that have contributed to the military, law enforcement and civil service sectors of service to humankind.

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6 Things to Know About Keeping Your Dog Safe from Rattlesnakes.

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Rattlesnakes rattle when they're stressed, but most bites occur when they've been surprised, and they may not warn you with a rattle.

3) Leash up.

Not only is there a leash law in most states, but it's even more important to keep Rover tethered on the trail with a short leash. Dogs are most commonly bitten around the face, because they like to investigate everything, so it's critical not to let them off the leash, where you're unable to pull them back if they're in danger.

4) Rattlesnake vaccine is a thing, but it's not complete immunization.

The science is still murky on it, but there is a company that manufactures a rattlesnake vaccine. More than 30,000 dogs and cats

suffer venomous snake bites every year, so if you're out on the trail a lot, it's worth asking your vet about the Rattlesnake Vaccine. which might lessen the pain and slow the progression of the venom. **But it's important to note that a snakebite still needs emergency veterinary care, even if your pup's been vaccinated.** Anti-venom is still critical.

5) Know the symptoms.

If you've forgotten or ignored number 2 above and Spot's out running around off-trail, you might not see a bite take place, or even know it occurred. So it's important to know what the symptoms of a bite look like. Keep an eye out for these immediate symptoms:

Puncture wounds or any bleeding, even inside the mouth * Any swelling * Excessive panting and drooling * Unusual restlessness * Your

dog appearing to be in pain.

Later-occurring symptoms over the next several hours include things like:

Tremors/shivers * Seizures * Diarrhea * Lethargy * Problems breathing

Get to a vet immediately if any of these occur or if you suspect a bite in any way. It's better to be safe than sorry!

6) Stay calm and cool if a bite occurs.

You'll want to keep your dog's heart rate low to avoid accelerating the flow of the venom into its bloodstream. So, you need to remain calm too. Don't mess with the bite area, because things like ice or meds for pain can make it worse. If you can, carry your dog back to your car — or walk slowly — and get to the vet immediately.

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