“Sargie” saved from euthanasia using a static pulse remote training collar.
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Sargie was a red entire male Staffordshire Terrier of unknown age. After an altercation through the fence with a Rhodesian Ridgeback his family decided to have him euthanased or rehomed; I knew the dog as our children were friends.

Sargie was generally animal aggressive and upon arriving at my home declared his intentions towards my two cats...he apparently thought cats could be good dental floss. Sargie had to be managed safely in a home with cats, or be euthanased since I did not believe it wise to rehome Sargie.

I used the “high stimulation method” with the static pulse remote trainer with tremendous success. It went like this:

Sargie was fitted with the static pulse collar for a couple of hours (there was not time to waste as my two cats, Arrow and Bullseye, were in mortal danger). Arrow was restrained safely inside of a wire carry cage which was placed in the front yard, I then hid where I could see Arrow with the remote control ready to activate Sargie’s collar.

Sargie happened to come around the corner shortly thereafter and sighted Arrow “on toast” waiting for him. He quickly approached the cat restrained safely in wire carry cage and pounced at precisely the same instant that I activated the static pulse remote training collar that he was wearing.

Sargie leaped away from the cat, looking all around, up and sideways. Sargie leaped upon the cat again with the very same outcome and of course this time Sargie did not hang around wondering what had happened, and has given our cats a wide berth since.

Separate dog and cat domains have also helped to manage the situation. The cats reside upstairs while the dogs live downstairs; the dogs are trained not to go upstairs. The cats have occasional excursions downstairs and are given a wide berth by Sargie.

Sargie did not require periodical refresher courses, though some dogs may. This method rapidly made the home safe for all concerned and saved a dog’s life. Sargie turned into a lovely pet and is credited with being the first dog to learn to yawn on cue (see photo).

The “low stimulation method” sometimes called Efocusing is very different and I sometimes use this method where safety is not as pressing. It is a confidence building focus method achieving excellent results in distance work and in cases of extreme timidity and extremely high drive or energy.