Behavior and Training Help

[en español]

Pet Behavior Assistance

For animal behavior help, call 703-746-5654 or email behavior@AlexandriaAnimals.org.

As a community resource, the AWLA offers a variety of assistance for all pet owners. Regardless of how your companion animal entered your life (adopted, purchased or wandered), AWLA staff members are happy to help you understand pet behaviors and resolve potential pet-related challenges.

Inquiries commonly fielded by the AWLA professionals include

- Unwanted cat behaviors, like furniture scratching, marking, not using the litter box or aggression toward other pets and/or people.
- Unwanted dog behaviors, such as excessive barking, separation anxiety, house training problems, hyperactivity or aggression toward other pets and/or people.
- Questions regarding other pets, including how to introduce new pets into the home, appropriate care and housing for small animals (such as rabbits, guinea pigs, chinchillas and others) and environmental enrichment for less-common animal companions.
Helpful Handouts

The AWLA has compiled information in response to the more common questions we hear. Please click below for more information on the following:

Cat Behavior
- Cat Introductions
- Cat Scratching Behavior
- Litter Box Information

Dog Behavior
- House Training Your Dog
- Crate Training Your Dog
- Crating Concerns
- Dog Park Misconceptions
- Dog Park Alternatives
- Shy or Fearful Dogs