



Comments in evaluation forms from previous courses:

“I have had my female Rottweiler for one month. I have had many Rotties over the years but this new one was very hyperactive. I have always used a lot of touching to develop a bond with new dogs. This new female was so stimulated by me being near her that I could not get her to hold still to be petted. She’d jump all over me in her excitement and never settled down, so after 10 minutes I would have to confine her to her crate or kennel.”

“On the second morning of the seminar, my ‘hyperactive’ dog entered the seminar room, looked around for 10 minutes and then lay quietly at my feet (awake - not asleep!) for the next 50 minutes. I would have been satisfied if she would have held still for 10 minutes, but for her to be able to lay quietly in a room full of dogs (not always quiet) is truly unbelievable. If I hadn’t been there in person, I wouldn’t have believed it!”

Replying to the question “What are the most important things you learned from the workshop?”, one participant said: “TTouch teaches love, understanding and respect”.

Douglas A. Miller, a trainer from the Los Angeles area, brought a dog-aggressive Border collie. Douglas was just curious about the TTEAM method and said he had not really expected a big change. By the end of the two days, his dog was completely comfortable and non-aggressive with the 15 dogs in the seminar. He wrote: “TTouch offers a non-violent, humane approach to working with and training animals. It has changed my life and the life of all animals I will ever work with!”

Christine DiGusto stated: "The most important thing I learned is that there are individual personalities, behaviors, and needs in our companion animals just as among ourselves, and that respect and understanding of these differences is important. I feel that the work we can do with TTouch for our companion animals can teach us how to better relate to our fellow human beings. In a few hours of working with Linda, I have truly become more aware of the power of this kind of communication. TTouch can make the world a better place for all."

Christine rides endurance and has used the TTouch for several years to calm and focus her horse. In the training, she worked with a dog from the Pasadena Humane Society who was considered unadoptable. Christine wrote on her evaluation form: "This weekend I brought a very mouthy shelter dog to the workshop. The change has been incredible. He went from being a hyperactive blur that chewed on everyone and everything to a balanced, thinking creature."

Another participant wrote, "My two female shepherd-mixes used to fight for dominance at home and wound up at the vet office twice needing stitches. The younger female (challenger) is now noticeably calmer and has regained respect for her older companion. The older female currently is being worked on to regain her old self-confidence."

Evan Ozahawk, a volunteer at the Pasadena Humane Society for several years, wrote, "I thought claims and previous comments were clearly exaggerated. I can say after two days that all was true. I was truly amazed at the results on which I thought were hopeless cases."