HELP! QUICK TIPS DOG BIZNESS

MY DOG HAS TURNED INTO THE DEVIL !

As your puppy/dog develops, they will go through a stage commonly referred to as the “adolescent stage”. This can occur from approx 6 months to 2 years, depending on breed. Smaller breeds tend to mature quicker and have a shorter ‘devil’ phase !

How do you know?

You may find a few more holes in your yard, some furniture chewed, listening becomes selective, well rehearsed “good behaviours” start to become less frequent.

You may even witness a regression in general training, extra barking, pulling on lead, frustration and a general intolerance for things that were once insignificant - including other dogs !

Don’t despair...its all part of growing up ! As your lil bundle of canine cuteness starts to mature, their hormones change and their bodies and brains follow.

What can you do?

- Firstly - be patient. Your dog is working it out too !
- Provide loads of enrichment and mental stimulation to keep those active minds occupied. Lots of structured play, sniffing games, long lead exploring.
- Include some “down time” via a crate or a mat. This will allow your dog to switch off from all the crazy that is going on in their heads !
- Lower your criteria when training. Keep it fun, short and simple to avoid frustration and build confidence.
- Re-introduce control & management to avoid unwanted behaviours being rehearsed. Leads, baby gates, limit access to areas.
- Ensure you have routine to create predictability & security amongst the crazy.