

RUH HANYA

My husband and I have had Anatolian Shepherds for the past 13 years. While we have experience with the breed, we also understand each dog is an individual – each one has had very different personalities. Within the past year, we had started calling Ruh (3 yrs) – our special dog. She had become fearful and very shy in a variety of situations. Afraid of the vet, couldn't go in or out certain doorways, didn't like certain people – that she had no problem with previously, fearful of the car and the final "challenge" – growling at us as we tried to put the collar on – even if we were going to go on her favorite thing to do...the walk! We realized that we were quickly losing the battle – she was making the decisions and in the meantime – teaching Hanya (14 months) who was in charge. It definitely was not us. We felt that we were at a tipping point and needed professional help.

This is where Victor comes in. From the first meeting with Victor we felt a sense of relief. There was hope.

Victor has the ability to instill a sense of confidence in the owner — which we were lacking. We had become just as fearful as Ruh. She has lost her trust in us and we had reached a point where we couldn't trust her either. But with Victor's guidance and based on his innate ability to read people as well as he understands dogs, we have been able to regain what we all had lost. As a result, Ruh is <u>such</u> a happier dog. She has overcome her shyness and her fearful behaviors have all but disappeared. She has found her place again and has learned that we are the leaders — which is just fine in her book. And Hanya has also learned that while Ruh may be her leader, we are the Big Dogs.

Victor's teaching methods are clear and concise. His patience and understanding shows, not only with the dogs, but with the owners as well. We appreciate his obvious love of dogs. Never once was there a need for anything more than calm assertiveness.

We have been to other trainers but have never felt the need or desire to recommend them. It is not the case here; we would recommend Victor without question. He has made an enormous difference in both <u>our</u> lives as well as our dog's.

Jimmy, Valorie, Ruh and Hanya