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In May of 2006 my husband and I adopted our first dogs. We had both grown up with dogs and felt that we were ready for the challenge. We went to the kennel anticipating the adoption of one dog, and we ended up coming home with two. We were in love with our dogs. Dozer and Chaz made our family complete. But before long, the honeymoon was over, our dogs stopped being on their best behavior. From running away, ripping up shoes and couches to fighting with each other over food, we had gotten in to a real mess. That is when we started calling all over Colorado Springs to find a trainer who would be able to address the issues our dogs were having. We needed more than a huge group lesson with a "click and treat" policy. We needed to learn how to correct behaviors and motivate our animals to perform. Bob and Kathy Warren were the only people who made sense to us and were willing to talk us through the problems over the phone until we could get in for our free consultation.

We were in over our heads. We did not have the tools, set up, or knowledge of how to train dogs that came with behavioral problems. Bob trained us to train our dogs. Bob educated on what issues he saw at the present time and what other issues could lay ahead with two dogs of the same breed, gender, age and athletic drive.

We have experienced much of what MuttMasters has to offer. We have graduated from basic obedience classes. We attend advanced classes. In addition, our dogs are frequently day schooled and boarded over night. At times I feel that our dogs are as happy as or happier at MuttMasters than they are at home. They are well cared for by the staff. Chaz and Dozer have learned to socialize with other dogs too! A year ago, I would have never thought I would see that day.

I often credit the happiness of my home life to MuttMasters. It is very stressful to lack control of both your animals. It is sad when you feel more anxiety than enjoyment from being a pet owner.

Thank you so much Bob and Kathy for teaching both my husband and I to create an environment in which we lead, and our dogs are happy to follow!

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